FALL
ATHLETIC SCHEDULE
2002

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts

***

Martha Fenton, Director
Kate Dolan, Assistant Director
Karen Kennedy, Scheduling Officer
www.andover.edu

Telephone
(978) 749-4080

2002 - FALL ATHLETIC SCHEDULE - 2002

WEDNESOAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Field Hockey (G V)	GOVERNDR DUMMER	(H)	2:30
Soccer (B V)	Noble & Greenough	(A)	3:15

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Field Hockey (G V)	Groton	(A)	2:00
Football (B V)	Cushing	(A)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	St. Paul's	(A)	2:00
Soccer (G V)	Williston No. Hampton	(A)	1:30
Volleyball (G V)	CUSHING/SPS/EXETER	(H)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	Loomis/NMH/Hopkins	(A)	2:00

WEONESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1B

Cross Country (G V)	Brooks/Tyngsboro	(A)	3:30
Field Hockey (G V)	Millon	(A)	3:15
Soccer (B JV1)	MILTON	(H)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	BROOKS	(H)	3:00
Soccer (G JV1)	BISHDP GUERTIN	(H)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	ANOOVER HS	(H)	2:45
Volleyball (G V)	NEW HAMPTDN	(H)	3:30
Water Polo (B V)	EXETER	(H)	3:00
Water Polo (JV)	EXETER	(H)	4:00

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Field Hockey (G JV2)	METHUEN HS	(H)	3:45
Soccer (B JV3)	GROTDN	(H)	3:45

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Cross Country (BV JV)	Canterbury	(A)	3:00
Cross Country (G V)	Canterbury	(A)	3:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	Loomis	(A)	3:30
Field Hockey (G V)	Loomis	(A)	2:15
Football (B V)	Loomis	(A)	2:30
Soccer (B JV1)	Loomis	(A)	2:30
Soccer (B JV2)	Loomis	(A)	2:30
Soccer (B V)	Loomis	(A)	2:15
Soccer (G JV1)	Loomis	(A)	2:30
Soccer (G JV2)	Loomis	(A)	2:30
Soccer (G V)	Loomis	(A)	2:15
Volleyball (G JV)	Loomis	(A)	3:30
Volleyball (G V)	Loomis	(A)	2:15
Water Polo (B V)	Loomis	(A)	2:00

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Field Hockey (G JV1)	SHDRE COUNTRY DAY	(H)	3:30
Field Hockey (G JV2)	GROTDN	(H)	3:00
Field Hockey (G V)	Harvard	(A)	3:30
Football (B JV1)	Cushing	(A)	3:30
Soccer (B JV1)	TYNGSBORO HS	(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV2)	Belmont Hill	(A)	3:45
Soccer (B JV3)	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	(H)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	HOLDERNESS	(H)	3:30
Soccer (G JV2)	GROTDN	(H)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	Harvard	(A)	3:30
Volleyball (G JV)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	ST. JDHN'S PREP	(H)	3:30

FRIOAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Field Hockey (G JV2)	ANDDVER HS	(H)	4:00

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2B

Cross Country (BV)	Manchester Invitational	(A)	12:00
Cross Country (GV)	Manchester Invitational	(A)	12:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	TABOR	(H)	3:15
Field Hockey (G V)	TABOR	(H)	3:15
Football (B V)	HOTCHKISS	(H)	6:00
Soccer (B JV1)	TABOR	(H)	3:15
Soccer (B V)	TABDR	(H)	3:15
Soccer (G JV1)	TABOR	(H)	5:30
Soccer (G V)	TABDR	(H)	7:00
Volleyball (G JV)	DRACUT HS	(H)	2:30
Volleyball (G V)	DRACUT HS	(H)	2:30
Water Polo (B V)	SUFFIELD/NMH	(H)	2:00

TUESDAY, OCTDBER 1

Soccer (B JV1)	ST. JOHN'S PREP	(H)	3:45
Soccer (B V)	ST. JOHN'S PREP	(H)	3:45

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Field Hockey (G JV1)	St. Mark's	(A)	4:30
Field Hockey (G JV2)	BRDOKS	(H)	3:00
Field Hockey (G V)	St. Mark's	(A)	3:15
Football (B JV1)	HYDE (ME)	(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV3)	BILLERICA HS	(H)	3:30
Soccer (G JV1)	BROOKS	(H)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	BRDDKS	(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	NDRTH READING HS	(H)	3:30
Volleyball (G V)	NDRTH READING HS	(H)	3:30

SATURDAY, OCTDBER 5

Cross Country (BV JV)	Choate	(A)	3:30
Cross Country (G V)	Choate	(A)	4:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	Choate	(A)	4:15
Field Hockey (G JV2)	Choate	(A)	3:30
Field Hockey (G V)	Choate	(A)	3:15
Football (B V)	Choate	(A)	3:30
Soccer (B JV1)	Choate	(A)	3:30
Soccer (B JV2)	Choate	(A)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	Choate	(A)	3:15
Soccer (G JV1)	Choate	(A)	3:30
Soccer (G JV2)	Choate	(A)	3:30
Soccer (G V)	Choate	(A)	3:15
Volleyball (G JV)	Choate	(A)	3:30
Volleyball (G V)	Choate	(A)	3:30
Water Polo (B V)	Choate	(A)	3:15
Water Polo (J V)	Choate	(A)	4:30

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Cross Country (B V JV)	St. Paul's/Bel. Hill/NMH	(A)	4:00
Cross Country (G V)	St. Paul's/NMH	(A)	5:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	B.B. & N.	(A)	3:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	Chelmsford HS	(A)	3:30
Field Hockey (G V)	B.B. & N.	(A)	2:45
Soccer (B JV3)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	Beaver Country Day	(A)	3:30
Soccer (G JV1)	Governor Dummer.	(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV2)	TYNSBDRD HS.	(H)	3:45
Soccer (G V)	Governor Dummer.	(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	CUSHING.	(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	CUSHING.	(H)	3:00

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Field Hockey (G JV1)	Noble & Greenough	(A)	2:30
Field Hockey (G V)	Noble & Greenough	(A)	2:30
Football (B V)	KENT.	(H)	5:45
Soccer (B JV1)	MASCDNDMET.	(H)	2:00
Soccer (B JV2)	NDRTH READING HS.	(H)	2:00
Soccer (B V)	BRIDGTDN ACADEMY.	(H)	3:30
Soccer (G JV1)	Noble & Greenough	(A)	2:30
Soccer (G V)	Noble & Greenough	(A)	2:30
Volleyball (G JV)	HDPKINS.	(H)	3:30
Volleyball (G V)	HOPKINS.	(H)	3:30
Water Polo (B V)	WILLISTDN NO. HAMPTON.	(H)	3:30

WEDNESDAY, OCTDBER 16

Field Hockey (G JV1)	Brooks	(A)	4:00
Field Hockey (G V)	Brooks	(A)	2:45
Football (B JV1)	CENTRAL CATHOLIC.	(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV1)	Andover HS.	(A)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	Harvard.	(A)	3:30
Soccer (G JV1)	St. Paul's.	(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV2)	Brooks.	(A)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	St. Paul's.	(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	Exeter.	(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	Exeter.	(A)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	ST. JOHN'S PREP.	(H)	3:30
Water Polo (J V)	ST. JDHN'S PREP.	(H)	4:45

FRIDAY, OCTDBER 1B

Soccer (B JV3)	Pike School.	(A)	4:00

SATURDAY, OCTDBER 19

Cross Country (BV JV)	NMH	(A)	3:00
Cross Country (G JV)	NMH	(A)	3:30
Cross Country (G V)	NMH	(A)	3:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	NMH	(A)	3:00
Field Hockey (G JV2)	NMH	(A)	3:00
Field Hockey (G V)	NMH	(A)	2:45
Football (B JV1)	NMH	(A)	2:15
Football (B V)	NMH	(A)	3:15
Soccer (B JV1)	NMH	(A)	3:00
Soccer (B JV2)	NMH	(A)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	NMH	(A)	2:45
Soccer (G JV1)	NMH	(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV2)	NMH	(A)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	NMH	(A)	2:45
Volleyball (G JV)	NMH	(A)	2:45
Volleyball (G V)	NMH	(A)	2:45
Water Polo (B V)	NMH	(A)	2:45

WEONESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Field Hockey (G JV1)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	4:15
Field Hockey (G JV2)	CHELMSFORD HS	(H)	3:15
Field Hockey (G V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	2:45
Soccer (B JV1)	Cushing	(A)	3:30
Soccer (B JV2)	ANDDVER HS	(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV3)	Groton	(A)	2:45
Soccer (B V)	CUSHING	(H)	3:30
Soccer (G JV1)	Thayer	(A)	3:15
Soccer (G JV2)	BROOKS	(H)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	Thayer	(A)	3:15
Volleyball (G JV)	Wichendon.	(A)	3:15
Volleyball (G V)	Cushing	(A)	3:15

FRIDAY, OCTDBER 25

Field Hockey (G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	6:30

SATURDAY, OCTDBER 26

Cross Country (BV JV)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Cross Country (G JV)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:30
Cross Country G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Field Hockey (G JV2)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:45
Football (B JV1)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Football (B V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:00
Soccer (B JV1)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Soccer (B JV2)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Soccer (B JV3)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Soccer (B V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Soccer (G JV1)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Soccer (G JV2)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Soccer (G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Volleyball (G JV)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:00
Volleyball (G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:00
Water Polo (B V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	4:00
Water Polo (JV)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:45

WEDNESDAY, OCTDBER 30

Field Hockey (G JV1)	MIDDLESEX	(H)	3:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	Brooks	(A)	3:00
Field Hockey (G V)	MIDDLESEX	(H)	2:30

This schedule subject to change. We encourage you to check our website for updates. www.andover.edu

Soccer (B JV1)	NORTH READING HS	(H)	3:00
Soccer (B JV2)	BROOKS	(H)	2:45
Soccer (B V)	Moses Brown	(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV1)	MIDDLESEX	(H)	3:00
Soccer (G JV2)	PIKE SCHOOL	(H)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	MIDDLESEX	(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	Exeter	(A)	4:00
Water Polo (JV)	Exeter	(A)	3:00

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Volleyball (G JV)	NMH	(H)	6:45
Volleyball (G V)	NMH	(H)	6:45

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Cross Country (BV JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Cross Country (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	3:00
Cross Country (G V)	Exeter	(A)	3:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	TYNGSBORO HS	(H)	2:00
Field Hockey (G JV2)	TYNGSBORO HS	(H)	2:00
Field Hockey (G V)	CUSHING	(H)	2:00
Football (B V)	Tabor	(A)	3:30
Soccer (B JV2)	Belmont Hill	(A)	2:30
Soccer (G JV1)	B.B. & N.	(H)	2:30
Soccer (G JV2)	TYNGSBORO HS	(H)	2:00
Soccer (G V)	B.B. & N.	(H)	2:30
Water Polo (B V)	Hotchkiss	(A)	4:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Soccer (B V)	Dartmouth JV	(A)	10:00
Volleyball (G V)	All Star	(A)	11:00

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Cluster Soccer	Championships	(H)	6:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Field Hockey (G V)	MILTON	(H)	3:00
Football (B JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Soccer (B JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Soccer (B V)	New Hampton	(A)	2:45
Soccer (G JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Soccer (G JV2)	MILTON	(H)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	MILTON	(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Volleyball (G V)	WORCHESTER	(H)	3:00

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Cross Country (BV JV)	Interscholastics	(A)	12:00
Cross Country (G V)	Interscholastics	(A)	12:00
Field Hockey (G V)	EXETER	(H)	1:00
Football (B V)	EXETER	(H)	2:00
Soccer (B V)	EXETER	(H)	1:00
Soccer (G V)	EXETER	(H)	11:00
Volleyball (G V)	EXETER	(H)	12:00
Water Polo (B V)	Interschols	(A)	12:00

CAPTAINS AND COACHES

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY
Gavin Kuangparichat & Taylor Washburn, Captains
Joe Stableford, Coach

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY
Kathryn Moore & Anne Riordan, Captains
Nancy Lang, Coach

FIELD HOCKEY
Nyssa Liebermann & Cortney Tetrault, Captains
Kate Dolan, Coach

FOOTBALL
Zak DeDssie, Captain
Leon Modeste, Coach

BOYS' SOCCER
Nick Franchot & Tony Pucilto, Captains
Bill Scott, Coach

GIRLS' SOCCER
Meg Blaeser, Meg Coffin & Kate Takvorian, Captains
Andy Boger & Lisa Joel, Coaches

VOLLEYBALL
Danielle Dumond & Justine Wardrop, Captains
Clyfe Beckwith, Coach

BOYS' WATERPOLO
Eugene Hill & Bryce Kaufman, Captains
Chad Stern, Coach

ATHLETIC ADVISORY BOARD
TBA

Martha Fenton, Athletic Director
Kate Dolan, Assistant Athletic Director
Karen Kennedy, Scheduling Dfficer
www.andover.edu

Fans' Code of Conduct
Phillips Academy strives to encourage good sportsmanship throughout our athletic program, and this includes good fan behavior. We expect all spectators at our contests to be respectful ot athletes, coaches, officials, and other spectators. Fans are encouraged to applaud the efforts of their team and should not engage in any behavior that is critical, distracting, or derogatory toward opponents or officials. Fans can be an "extra person" for their squad, supporting and cheering on their side but our school will not permit any behavior that detracts from the proper conduct of the game or disadvantages an athlete or team.

FALL RESULTS 2002 – 2003

CROSS COUNTRY BOYS' VARSITY	6W –1L	4th at Interschols
Cross Country BJV	5W – 2L	2nd at Interschols
CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS' VARSITY	8W – 0L	2nd at Interschols
Cross country GJV	5W –0W	1st at Interschols
FIELD HOCKEY GIRLS' VARSITY	12W – 1L – 2T	Lost to Taft in first game of tournament
Field Hockey GJV1	6W – 4L – 1T	
Field Hockey GJV2	4W – 5L – 1T	
FOOTBALL VARSITY	3W – 4L – 1T	Tied Exeter
Football JV	5W – 1L	
SOCCER BOYS' VARSITY	9W – 3L – 2T	
Soccer BJV1	6W – 3L – 3T	
Soccer BJV2	4W – 2L – 4T	
Soccer BJV3	0W – 5L – 1T	
SOCCER GIRLS' VARSITY	6W – 6L – 5T	Lost to Loomis in first game of tournament
Soccer GJV1	8W – 3L – 2T	
Soccer GJV2	4W – 5L	
VOLLEYBALL GIRLS' VARSITY	11W – 5L	Lost to Taft in first game of tournament
Volleyball GJV	8W – 5L	
WATERPOLO BOYS' VARSITY	6W – 10L	
Waterpolo BJV	3W – 1L	
CLUSTER SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP	3 PKN – 2 WQS	Double OT Shootout

SPORT:__Boys Cross Country __

YEAR:__2002-2003___

CAPTAIN: Gavin Kuangparichat , Taylor Washburn

MANAGER:

COACH: John Stableford, Jeff Domina

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON___6___**LOST**____1____**TIED**___0_____

4th at Interschols

Letter Winners

Barron, Thomas
DeFreeuw, Darren
Donais, Christopher
Feigenbaum, James
Freker, John
Hillman, Jonathan
Howe, Weston
Kapor, Adam
Kuangparichat, Gavin
Lanterman, Christopher
McCallum, John
Serna, Daniel
Vaslet, Garrett
Washburn, Taylor
Weigel, Jonathan
Wolfe, Joshua

Boys Cross Country

			PA	OPP
Sat. 9/21/2002	CANTERBURY	(A)	first place	
Sat. 9/28/2002	MANCHESTER INVIT.	(A)	sixth place	
Sat. 10/5/2002	CHOATE	(A)	25	34
Wed. 10/9/2002	ST. PAUL'S/			
	BEL. HILL/NMH	(A)	31	28
			21	34
			17	46
			36	20
Sat. 10/19/2002	N.M.H.	(A)	26	31
Sat. 10/26/2002	DEERFIELD	(H)	20	38
			15	50
Sat. 11/2/2002	EXETER	(A)	26	31
Sat. 11/9/2002	INTERSCHOLS.	(A)	fourth place	

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts
Cross Country Boys – Varsity
2002

Name	Year	Hometown
Adler, Daniel	2005	Hunting Valley, OH
Barron, Thomas	2004	New York, NY
Cahill, Jonathan	2006	North Hampton, NH
Castro, Alejandro	2006	Union City, NJ
Chen, Yeuan	2004	Methuen, MA
Church, Thomas	2005	New York, NY
Clay, Peter	2004	Ellicott City, MD
Constantine, Robert	2006	New York, NY
Daly, Kevin	2005	Breckenbridge, CO
DeFreeuw, Darren	2004	Bolingbrook, IL
Deshpande,	2004	Andover, MA
Donais, Christopher	2005	Bradford,MA
Engelhardt, Paul	2006	Bay City, MI
Feigenbaum, James	2004	Andover, MA
Freker, Beau	2005	Cincinnati, OH
Freker, John	2004	Cincinnati, OH
Hamilton, Seán	2006	Andover, MA
Heighington, David	2006	Dracut, MA
Hillman, Jonathan	2005	Andover, MA
Howe, Weston	2005	Andover, MA
Izeogu, Chimaobi	2003	Fayetteville, GA
Kapor, Adam	2004	Brookline, MA
Khandelwal, Parag	2006	Medina, OH
Kimball, Gregory	2006	Manchester, MA
Kuangparichat, Gavin	2003	Excelsior Springs, MO
Lanterman, Christopher	2003	Redmond, WA
Lanterman, Jonathan	2003	Redmond, WA
LeClerc, Daniel	2005	Andover, MA
Liao, Andrew	2004	Tsimshatsui, Hong Kong
Lie, Han	2004	11620 Jakarta, IND
Limpaecher, Alex	2004	Topsfield, MA
Magnin, Christopher	2005	Andover, MA
McCallum, John	2003	New Canaan, CT
McManus, Andrew	2003	North Andover, MA
Mendez Hodes, James	2004	New York, NY
Miller, Geoffrey	2005	APO,AE
Murphy, Gordon	2006	Piedmont, CA
Panich, Evan	2003	Marblehead, MA
Patrick, Logan	2004	Cambridge, MA
Pirakitikulr, Nathan	2005	Crown Point, IN
Rees, Gregory	2005	North Andover, MA
Riordan, William	2005	Pride's Crossing, MA
Rivas, Jonathan	2006	Bronx, MA
Serna, Daniel	2004	Andover, MA
Thornton, Charles	2005	New Bedford, MA
Vaslet, Garrett	2003	Seekonk, MA
Washburn, Taylor	2003	Andover, MA
Watson, James	2006	Rocky Mount, NC
Weigel, Jonathan	2005	Lincoln, MA
Whalen, Daniel	2006	San Juan Capistrano, CA
Wolfe, Joshua	2004	Westmount , CAN
Wood, Clement	2004	New York, NY
Yamartino, Robert	2003	Middlefield, CT
Yeung, Thomas	2004	10500 Bangkok, THA

Captains: Taylor Washburn, Galvin Kuangparichat
Coaches: John Stableford, Jeff Domina

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Manager: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller, M.D.

Eight Phillips Varsity Athletic Teams Prepare for their Fall 2002 Campaigns; Both Cross-Country Teams Look to Attack Exeter

BOYS X-COUNTRY

Last season, the Big Blue boys' cross-country team failed to win the Interscholastic title, for the first time since 1998. The odds of that occurring again, however, are as small as the team's average weight. Yeah, that small. To say this team is stacked is quite the understatement. "I almost wish that it was more of a secret," Coach Jon Stableford '63 admitted. "But it looks like we are going to be a good team." Despite the loss of five of the seven varsity runners, including course record holder Pablo Durana '02, Andover has no fears. Captains Taylor Washburn '03 and Gavin Kuangparichat '03 lead a team that has done more to improve itself than any other team in the Prep league. The runners of the best junior varsity team in New England are all a year older, and the team has added to the ranks two premier varsity runners. Josh Wolfe '04, a new upper hailing from Canada, and PG Garrett Vaslet will add serious speed to the team. Adam Kapor '04, who along with Washburn is the only varsity-seven returnee, leads a pack of rising uppers, the class of 2004, which may be one of the best cross country classes in a long time. Added to Kapor and Wolfe are Tom Barron, John Freker and JJ Feigenbaum. Jack McCallum '03, Chris and John Lanterman '03 and Chris Donais '05 all are in the front pack, which is larger than it has been in years past. Most teams would be worried about not knowing definitively who the top runners will be next season. Not Andover; with a team this deep, it would be hard to go wrong. "It's going to come down to who can work the hardest during the season," said Captain Kuangparichat, "and peak at the right time so that they run their best races come Interschols. Right now, with the type of character that this team has and the coaches we have to guide us, we think that that'll be us." Last year's champs, Choate, as well as the bridesmaids, St. Paul's School, and Exeter will be Andover's major competition. All three races will be away (October 5, October 9, and November 2 on your calendars). "I'm pumped for [this team]. They'll have a good season," said graduated Captain Tony Bitz '02. The question is, does good mean anything less than a championship?

Rhode Island State Champion Harrier Vaslet '03 And Canadian New Upper Wolfe Lead Pack in Time Trial

by J.J. Feigenbaum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

It wasn't even a real race. It was just a time trial. However, you would not have known that, going on the expressions of the Andover cross country runner's faces, as they crossed the finish line last Saturday. Sweat poured down the backs of their necks, sight was hazy in the September afternoon heat, and the strides were strong, though perhaps forced, as the Boys in Blue made their way around the course for the first time in ten months. The last official race run at Andover had a very different outcome from what the team had grown used to in past years. The varsity seven limped and fought for their third place finish and even the JV team's domination (five of the top ten spots were Andover runners) could not erase the bitter taste in the team's mouth. In the end, the Swine of Choate took the League Title home, and out of it's rightful home, in Andover.

The seasons have changed and a new year is upon us. The Big Bad Blue Machine that ran away with Interscholastic titles in 1999 and 2000 is very much a part of history. This year's team looks to new leaders and faces, and a new challenge: reasserting itself as the top team in New England.

Garrett Vaslet '03 has quite the résumé. Arguably, the best Rhode Island cross-country runner of the past few seasons, he won the Rhode Island state meet last November. However, after four successful seasons for St. Raphael's Academy, Vaslet opted not for college, but for a year at Andover. Running a very strong 16:46 time at the trial, he looks to lead this team, but there is a major difference between Andover and St. Raphael's. Though Vaslet is among Andover's top runners this season, this is in stark contrast with his position at St. Raphael's. In the purple and gold, Garrett ran away with every race and could hardly enjoy the great team aspects of the sport.

Andover prides itself on speed and depth, and this team always will. Joining Vaslet at the front of the race was Josh Wolfe '04. Hard to believe, but Wolfe had a following before he arrived at 180 Main Street. Getting a nickname like "The Next Pablo" will do that for a runner. Wolfe displayed his speed on the first mile of the course, blasting off the line for an opening 4:40 mile split. However, the Canadian's inexperience, as he was running in the first cross-country race of his life, caught up to the speedster. Vaslet overtook Wolfe in the Sanctuary, and it was a struggle between the two to the finish. Wolfe came in just over 17 minutes, close behind teammate Vaslet, who recorded the team's fastest time for the day. Though he personally was upset with his time, not another member of the team shared the sentiment. "Although some were a bit disappointed with their times, I think everybody should feel very satisfied with the way they ran," commented Captain Gavin Kuangparichat '03. Gavin, however, had plenty of energy to use to comment, as he was sidelined due to a bum ankle. His Co-Captain Taylor Washburn, however, did run, finishing third with a solid showing of 17:47. Though his time is more than a minute off what he ran at Interschols last year, Washburn ran a controlled a tactical race, getting stronger as it went along. In a small surprise, senior Jack McCallum, who missed the end of last season with a stress fracture, ran with Washburn and finished with an identical time in the fourth spot. "Without Pablo (Durana '02), the results from the time trial were not as blazing as we have come to expect," said McCallum, "but I feel that the team is deep, and stronger and younger than we were last year, and that bodes well for the season."

Following the senior duo, Uppers Adam Kapor and JJ Feigenbaum rolled in (18:02 and :12, respectively), in times off their Interschols marks, but again, proving the summer's hard work a success. Chris Donais '05 rounded out what would have been the scoring seven with a quality 18:27. "The time trial went very well. I think that everyone is looking strong for the beginning of the year, and I believe we are a force to be reckoned with for interschols," said Donais. Those seven will head to the Canterbury Invitational this Saturday. Along with a preview of the strong New England Prep competition, the team will enjoy a scenic three-hour bus ride through the lovely state of Connecticut. After Donais, the team enjoyed strong races from Dan Serna '04, John Freker '04, Darren DeFreeuw '04, John Lanterman '03, and Evan Panich '03. The lone freshman running the time trial, Sean Hamilton '06, ran well, finishing in under 20 minutes, a great mark for a ninth grader. The team is full of depth, from not only these runners, but also the group that ran a second time trial on Wednesday.

Following Canterbury looms the Manchester Invitational and the dual meet season. Though the boys will not return to the friendly sanctuary home course until Parent's Weekend, Andover Cross Country excitement is in full bloom across campus. "We still have a lot of work to do to get where we want to be," stated Kuangparichat, "but with the meets starting soon we should gain some valuable race experience and continue to improve." With their eyes on the invitationals, as well as the dual meets with Choate, St. Paul's and finally Exeter, and the Boys in Blue are speeding right along, looking quite spiffy in their brand new jackets.

J.Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Tom Barron '04 pulled out a big win in Wednesday's trial.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TIME TRIAL 9/14/02

ARRET VASLET	16:46
SH WOLFE	17:11
YLOR WASHBURN	17:45
CK MCCALLUM	17:45
M KAPOR	18:02
J. FEIGENBAUM	18:12
RIS DONAIS	18:27
N SERNA	18:55
N FREKER	19:16
RREN DEFREEUW	19:17
N LANTERMAN	19:39
PANICH	19:41
N HAMILTON	19:51

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TIME TRIAL 9/18/02

TOM BARRON *	18:26
CHRIS LANTERMAN	18:26
WESTON HOWE	18:37
JON WEIGEL	19:01
LOGAN PATRICK	19:15
CHIMAOBI IZEOGU	19:21
JON HILLMAN	19:21
GAVIN KUANGPARICHAT	19:23
BEAU FREKER	19:27
DAVID HEIGHINGTON	20:00
BOB YAMARTINO	20:19
CLEM WOOD	20:39
TOM CHURCH	20:53
GREG REES	21:38
CHARLIE THORNTON	22:08
JAMES MENDEZ-HODES	23:42

*ATTACKED BY CAUZ'S DOG

F.Wang/*The Phillipian*

John Freker '04, Taylor Washburn '03, Adam Kapor '04, and J.J. Feigenbaum '04, look to hold the fast pace set at the start by the Choate Wild Boars.

Big Blue Boys XC Beats Up On Defending NE Champs Choate

by J.J. Feigenbaum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

[illegible]over[illegible]er	25
[illegible]mb[illegible]	34

Revenge can be sweeter.

This is why they logged all of those extra miles this summer, why they ran hard up all those hills. Saturday was the light at the end of the tunnel for the demanding preseason workouts, the reason to push it just a few more miles.

The looks on the Choate runners faces said it all: the shock, the horror, the realization that Andover had just come into their house, kicked their doors down, and stomped all over last year's championship banner. It took a whole team to do it, but on Saturday, Andover Cross Country showed the Wild Boars what they could do.

A familiar face graced the crowd at Choate, and it was not just the Washburn gang, who also came, cookies in tow. Imran Hendley '02, now running at MIT, had taken the drive down to cheer on his alma mater in this important race. "I was afraid that after a year I would be coming back to something not like what I remembered. But even in the new faces, I saw the same passion for the team and the sport that I felt. I have come to realize it is in the heart of every Andover Cross Country runner. Many more will fall to Mr. Stableford's program after Choate this season."

The gun went off for the first race of the day on Choate's repetitive looping course, and, immediately, the boys in blue knew they would have a fight on their hands. The first three Wild Boars were off, well ahead after the first quarter mile, employing a similar strategy to the one that carried them to victory last year. On this day, the results would be different. "They went out too fast," remembered Josh Wolfe '04, "We didn't know what they were doing." It turned out, though, that it would not matter. At about the one mile mark, Wolfe and Garrett Vaslet '03 caught up with Choate's third and, soon after, their second. Heading up Choate's Suicide Hill for the second time, Wolfe caught Choate's top runner and put him away for good.

Wolfe finished the course in the third fastest time ever, at 15:20 for the 2.95 miler. Of the team victory, Wolfe said, "Choate ran a pretty good race, but we won a better one. In the front and all the way through the back, we ran very well."

Vaslet, who finished the race in 15:39, ran well enough for third. Garrett spent the last mile of the race gaining ground on Choate's top runner, but, in the end, the early lead just could not be overcome by a strong kick. After Vaslet, two more Choate runners rolled in, and, for a time, Andover was trailing. But the

Continued on Page B6, Column 6

WOLFE EATS UP WILD BOARS AS XC VICTORIOUS

Continued from Page B1, Column 4

Blue pack quickly made short work of that deficit.

Led by Captain Taylor Washburn '03, who ran 16:17 for sixth, PA took the next six straight spots. Following Washburn, in the breakout race he has searched for all season, was Adam Kapor '04 in 16:31. Kapor's time may have been even better, if he had not had to stop and ask for directions at two distinct points along the course. "I can't wait to get to a course where I know where I'm going," Kapor said, "then I can really run a good race."

Jack McCallum '03 (16:50), JJ Feigenbaum '04 (16:53) and John Freker '04 (16:54) followed Kapor, locking up the fifth, sixth and seventh spots on the team, and ensuring Andover victory. "Vengeance is sweet," admitted McCallum after finishing, broadly smiling.

Feigenbaum and Freker had spent much of the race dueling with Choate's fourth and fifth runners, trading elbows and speed bursts through the woods. They passed the fifth as they mounted Suicide Hill and dusted the fourth runner just as the finish line became visible.

Though the score sheets do not mention him, Lower Chris Donais' impact on the race cannot be underestimated. During the early stages of the race, with Choate's top three already out of touch, and Vaslet and Wolfe closely following, Choate tried to gain the advantage on their home course. Chris would not let them. He broke their pack and dragged the rest of the blue runners with him. Donais finished in a very good 16:57, just after Freker, but his influence on the race was much greater. Following Donais, Chris Lanterman '03 (17:05) and Tom Barron '04 (17:41) rounded out the Andover ten in the varsity race.

The final scores were, in the varsity race, 25 to 34, and 21 to 34 in the JV: low score winning.

"The team ran a very ballsy race," Washburn said, "proving that although we aren't there yet, we'll be in the mix at Interschols."

Quite the difficult week it is shaping up to be for the Big Blue. First, they took on and beat the defending New England Champions of Choate; next, they will travel to Concord, New Hampshire for a showdown with Interschols runner up and Prep power, St. Pauls. With the Choate triumph as a confidence booster, the boys in blue are ready to take on all challengers.

Without Wolfe '04, Boys Cross Country Still Tops N.M.H. Hoggers in Their Own Stable

by J.J. Feigenbaum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Andover	**26**
N.M.H.	**31**

The boys certainly needed this one. Without top runner Josh Wolfe '04, the boys took the trip through the charming boonies of Northern Massachusetts to take their frustrations out on the poor unsuspecting Hoggers of Northfield Mount Hermon. And what a win it was. They ran through the rain, through the wind and cold and against the Hoggers on Parents' Weekend. Best of all, was the quaint NMH course, one that can best be summed up in a short story. Half way up the only reasonably sized hill on the trail, just off to the right, lies a large pile of horse manure. Welcome to Northfield Mount Hermon; please enjoy your stay.

Without Wolfe, who had returned to Canada for a weekend wedding, the boys in blue knew they would have their work cut out for them, rounding up the Hoggers in duel meet competition. In cross country, however, on any given Saturday, and anyone can run faster than you can. Unfortunately for the NMH team, Andover was not about to allow themselves to be beaten.

After St. Paul's victimized the boys with a brilliant display of pack running last week, Coach Stableford went to the chalkboard, devising his own strategy for the Big Blue. After Garrett Vaslet '03 and Captain Taylor Washburn '03, the front-runners, the pack was to fall in line, each pushing on their own section of the course. Chris Donais '05 led the first thousand meters or so into the race. "Leading the pack for the first 3/4 of a mile was a good experience," related Donais, "I am used to going out fast, but not that fast." As the group turned into the woods, and began the lone hilly portion of the course, J.J. Feigenbaum '04 took the lead from Donais, pulling the group up the hill, where Jack McCallum '03 began his push. "The pack strategy really worked," commented McCallum, "I think we all ran well, and we did what we had to do." Finally, as the squad reached the two-mile mark, Adam Kapor '04 took over the lead, and ran his way home.

While the pack mingled with NMH's fourth and fifth runners through the woods, Vaslet and Washburn matched up with the top three Hoggers. NMH's number one ended up winning the race in unspectacular fashion with a time of 16:38. Vaslet followed in 16:50, but can rest easy, knowing that he is on his way to peak condition, just in time for Interschols. Captain Washburn followed in third place, running 17:15. After detaching from the lead two, and pulling away from the NMH pair chasing him, Washburn was stuck in the awkward position of running the second half of the race virtually alone. For that reason "his solid run takes on a new brilliance," stated Coach Stableford.

The NMH duo followed Washburn, but as the boys have grown accustomed to, the pack came rolling in, in a tidal wave of white and blue singlets. McCallum led the pack, running 17:55. "My race was solid," said McCallum, "but not spectacular. We won, that is really what matters." Jack had suffered what he termed a horrendous race the week before at St. Paul's, and certainly felt vindicated in his performance at Northfield, proving his poor race a fluke.

The Upper Trio of Kapor (18:02), Tom Barron (18:07) and Feigenbaum (18:08) crossed the finish line in fourth, fifth and sixth place for Andover, all beating the NMH number four. The pack cemented the Andover victory, making up for the mishap that was St. Paul's. While the times are nothing to write home about, the team placed their runners where they needed to be in order to win the race.

Chris Lanterman '03, who had run very hard to open the race up, fell back, finishing just behind the fourth Hogger, but still displacing the NMH number five. Donais, hurting from his speedy start, finished just a few seconds off NMH's sixth. Donais had done his part, and, like his tremendous race against Choate, factored into the scoring much more than the official results dictated. John Freker '04, running what Coach Stableford described as "the bravest race of the season by any Andover runner", finished well behind the scoring, as he fought all race long against a severe hip injury. The team will certainly need Freker as the season continues, and the boys can only hope that he recovers from this ailment as soon as possible.

F.Wang/*The Phillipian*

Adam Kapor '04 begins the race against Northfield.

In the junior varsity race, Andover knew they had both the speed and the depth to win. That they did, trouncing NMH, the final score read Andover 18, NMH 45. The question of course, was would NMH have any runners that could run with the Blue's front pack. That they did. Despite missing an early turn in the course, Lowers John Weigel and Wes Howe ran nineteen flat for the win, coming across the finish line together. It was Weigel's second JV race victory, adding to his win at Choate. Following the Andover pair, the lone NMH runner in the front pack finished. Nipping at his heels the whole way was a hoard of blue led by Captain Gavin Kuangparichat '03, running good enough for fourth overall. Dan Serna '04, Jon Hillman '05, Bob Yamartino '03, Darren Defreeuw '04, Beau Freker '05, Sean Hamilton '06, Evan Panich '03, Logan Patrick '04, Thatcher Clay '04, and David Heighington '06 made up the group, a total of eleven blue in a row, thirteen overall before the second JV Hogger. Donais complimented the JV squad saying, "The JV racers displayed true guts. They came in without expecting much and trampled the competition, inspiring all the varsity runners to think that anything's possible come Interschols."

Ahead of Andover, wait three very important Saturdays. First, Parent's Weekend and a date with Deerfield's Gang Green. It will be the boys' only chance to run on their home course all season, and the every harrier hopes to set a personal best. Then, the boys in blue will load the buses once more, take the fabled hour ride to a little town in New Hampshire, and meet up with Exeter, as a final match up before Interschols. The team is aware of the work it will take to beat St. Paul's and the rest of the league at Interschols, but, as they proved in running over NMH, the boys are willing to work for it, work for the win. They did not win pretty and the times were nothing great, but in the end, the boys got the win and the confidence boost.

Vaslet '03 Runs Best Race Of Season; Harriers Dominates DA

by J.J. Feigenbaum and Wes Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**20**
Deerfield	**38**

"In the end," reasoned Coach Jon Stableford '63, "it was very nice of Deerfield. They came all that way, only to race in the rain and to get their butts kicked." Playing the ever-gracious hosts on Parent's Weekend, Andover's Boys Cross Country team shellacked the guys in green, winning big by a score of 20 to 38.

Fighting through the soaked and soggy Great Lawn, saturated with water from the day's rain, as well as a puddle filled sanctuary loop, the boys in blue proved their mettle, improving their duel meet record to three and one. "Our running in the midst of the tempest," boasted Adam Kapor '04, "will help us as we compete at Interschols in two weeks on the frozen, windswept tundra of Concord, New Hampshire."

Leading the race, from start to finish, was Garrett Vaslet '03. Running what was easily his best race of the season, Vaslet finished first with a stellar time of 16:10. However, had it not been for the conditions, Garrett might have run even faster. As he appeared on the Great Lawn, with only a third of a mile to go, he was running under sixteen minute pace. "Garrett took it out hard in the beginning of the race," said Chris Donais '05. "He showed the hard work he has put in by winning the race in an awesome time."

Clearly, Josh Wolfe '04 has done some great things this season. For the team to be even a bit disappointed after a 16:34 5K is comical. Wolfe started the race with Vaslet, but ultimately succumbed to the wind and rain. He still managed to run a solid race, taking second overall. Wolfe, however, was not pleased with his race, and Coach Stableford believes Josh still has the potential to drop nearly a minute off his time, as he prepares for Interschols.

Running a full minute faster than his time trial time at the beginning of the season, Captain Taylor Washburn '03 finished third, ensuring an Andover victory for Parent's Weekend. In a Cross Country dual meet, taking the first three spots in a race mathematically eliminates the other team's hopes of winning. Washburn crossed the line with a time of 16:47, nine seconds ahead of Deerfield's first runner, whom Taylor dusted on the way up Heartbreak Hill and never looked back.

Deerfield managed to slip in their first two harriers after Washburn, but Andover countered with Kapor, running a decent 17:16. Kapor was only six seconds off his personal best. After Deerfield's third, Tom Barron '04 (17:27) and JJ Feigenbaum '04 (17:30) dashed in. After the third Big Greenie, Donais finished in 17:35, seventh for Andover. Seniors Chris Lanterman and Jack McCallum, running the final home races of their PA careers, did not quite have the storybook endings either may have envisioned. Lanterman finished in 17:51 and McCallum a bit farther back, in 18:02. "Even with the horrible weather," said Donais, "we were still able to keep a tight pack and push each other through the race."

Although the Boys in Blue could not quite get five runners under seventeen minutes, they came pretty close. Kapor was satisfied with the team's performance saying, "Deerfield put up a hell of a race against our varsity pack, and we looked good in front of our parents, as we emerged mud-soaked from the sanctuary."

After the impressive showing by the varsity harriers, the JV runners had their chance to blow away the Deerfield competition. The rain continued to pour as the runners completed their warm-ups, and their singlets were already wet as they toed the starting line. The race started, but was soon stopped because Wes Howe '05 jumped the gun, aiming to get a split second advantage in the 5K race. The second start was clean, and the race was on.

Early on, Andover co-captain Gavin Kuangpariehat '03 detached from the leaders and established a lead he would not relinquish.

The wet shoes did not slow the Andover harriers, and as they came out of the Sanctuary after 2.4 miles, their lead on Deerfield was such that seven PA runners were in front of the first Deerfield competitor.

Kuangpariehat won the race in 18:10, followed by Dan Serna '04 (18:26), John Weigel '05 (18:33), and Howe (18:39). Serna and Weigel both ran personal best times. Lowers Jon Hillman and Will Riordan followed at 18:46. Hillman said, "It's great that Will was able to have such a kick, it'll come in handy for Interschols and Exeter." Darren Defreeuw '04, Andover's seventh followed, clinching the vaunted 15 to 50 sweep of Deerfield.

PA's eighth runner, freshman Sean Hamilton showed the kind of racing power that he was well known for at his previous school. Hamilton was behind the second Deerfield runner at the Sanctuary gates. Through sheer determination and strength, Hamilton was able to not only pass the second Deerfield harrier, but also gain forty yards on the Great Lawn and pass their first runner as well. After the race Sean remarked, "I just really wanted to catch those guys, it's been what we've trained for all week."

Exeter and their short and flat course lie ahead for the boys, followed by a return to St. Paul's School for Interschols. As the season winds down, the team looks back on what has been, thus far, a successful campaign. From a dominating win at the Canterbury Invitational to a satisfying victory over the Swine of Choate, and two more checks in the W column against Deerfield and NMH, the Andover harriers have indeed accomplished much this season. However, the biggest races of the season stare Andover in the face the next two Saturdays. Red singlets beware, all the miles are paying off, and the Boys in Blue are just getting started.

F Wang/*The Phillipian*

J.J. Feigenbaum '04 glides past a Deerfield harrier.

Co-Captain Washburn '03 Places Tenth For Blue; XC Finishes Fourth at Interschols

by J.J. Feigenbaum and Wes Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

"Brutal," said Chris Donais '05, after the races on Saturday. "That's all I can say: brutal." Clearly, the young lower from Haverhill, with quite the name to live up to, is wise beyond his years. What happened to the boys in blue in Concord, New Hampshire last Saturday is anyone's guess. Somehow, a team that had rolled into Interschols with a very clear and clean plan on how they would win limped out beaten and confused, heartbroken and lost. It had seemed so simple. Just run slightly better than they had the week before, cut a bit of time off what the boys had run four and a half weeks earlier on this very same course, and the Interscholastic hardware was on its way to Andover. The weather even cooperated, as the boys were greeted with mid sixties as they unloaded from the bus after the short trip. Only Co-Captain Taylor Washburn '03 ran a very good race, but even his stalwart leadership was not enough to push the boys over the top, as they fell to fourth out of twelve teams in the NEPSTA championships. Though the finish may seem impressive, only four teams entered the championship meet with a legitimate chance at the title, and Andover finished at the back of that front pack.

The race opened up well enough. "Just like we've done it all season," Washburn reminded the boys in the team huddle, just moments before they toed the line. For the seniors it would be their last race in the Andover white and navy. Through the first mile, at least, the boys were in place. Everyone hit the mile mark in time, Josh Wolfe '04 leading the entire race with Garrett Vaslet '03 only three seconds back, the rest of the team positioned for glory.

Then it began to fall apart. "It felt like someone hit me in the chest with a baseball bat," confided Wolfe, a day later. As the race progressed, Wolfe found himself unable to hang on to the breakneck pace he and the other leaders had set. Vaslet too faltered, just unable to find his race. In one of the self-proclaimed worst races of his career, last time out at SPS, Garrett ran a 16:56. On this day, he could manage only a 17 flat.

Washburn, sensing the troubles of his teammates, picked his race up; reminiscent of the race Geoff O'Donoghue '02 had run last year at Interschols, after Pablo Durana '02 fell back from the lead. Dashing by harriers who had beaten him during the duel meet season and finally by Wolfe, Washburn finished tenth, first on the team, and perhaps the lone Andover varsity runner not afflicted by the mystery disaster-race syndrome. Taylor's time, 16:43, put him three seconds ahead of Josh, who finished eleventh overall. Wolfe's race put him in shock, horror even, and with good reason. Loomis senior Taylor Weidman, the race Champion, had run a 16:14, only four seconds ahead of what Wolfe had run in the duel meet at SPS, uncontested earlier in the season. Wolfe's time on that day would have landed him second overall, a full five seconds in front of Frank Divittorio '04 of Choate, the runner up.

By the time Andover's top three rolled in, in tenth, eleventh, and fifteenth, the race was as good as lost. St Paul's, the host and eventual champions, were just too good and too fast for even great races from the back four to disrupt. When Vaslet finished, SPS had already put in three, two of whom beat both Wolfe and Washburn. The remaining Pelicans of SPS flew in all before Jack McCallum '03, Andover's fourth runner, thus clinching them the victory.

McCallum, who has had a very sporadic season, finishing sometimes neck and neck with Captain Washburn, and other times out of sight, well back of the varsity, ran a solid race to end his Andover career. Thankfully, for the final three, Uppers Adam Kapor, Tom Barron, and J.J. Feigenbaum, they do not have to end their running days with their performances at SPS. McCallum took thirtieth overall, but behind several runners he had trounced at times during the season. The same can be said for the Upper trio, all of whom would just as soon forget the race ever happened.

After the shocking results of the varsity race were in the JV runners were eager to go off. Jon Weigel '05 said, "After the tough varsity race, I was even more pumped up for our race. I wanted to get them back for a disappointing end of the season for the varsity guys." The boys were ready, and headed off to the starting line with high hopes. The Andover harriers got off to a good start and at the half-mile mark, Donais held a solid ten-yard lead on the race, followed by Chris Lanterman '03, Captain Gavin Kuangparichat '03, and a massive pack of St. Paul's runners. The rest of the team was close behind.

After a mile, Donais had been overtaken and, by the time they reached the finish line, St. Paul's had secured the first four places. Next in was Kuangparichat (18:05), who barely edged out the first Exeter harrier. Three more St. Paul's runners followed along with one Exie before Lanterman and Weigel crossed the line. St. Paul's had brought in all their scorers, so a win was no longer possible for the little boys in blue. Will Riordan '05 came in with an impressive 18:40, ending his injury fraught season on a high note. Next were Donais at nineteenth (18:51), frosh sensation Sean Hamilton at twenty-first (18:54), Dan Serna '04 at twenty-third (18:55), and Jon Hillman at twenty-fifth with 18:59.

The times were disappointing when compared to those achieved on the same course a month ago in worse conditions. Hillman noted "I can't see how the times could have gotten slower over this last month, we've been training hard and the racing weather improved. Luckily the other teams had just as slow a day as we did." The final scoring of the JV race came out to St. Paul's in first with 17, Andover in second with 62, trailed by Exeter with 66.

J. Freker/ *The Phillipian*

Taylor Washburn '03 sprints towards the finish line.

What happened at Concord, on the ninth of November to the boys in blue is certainly not a pleasant memory, by any stretch of the imagination. Andover ended in fourth overall, trailing the Pelicans of St. Paul's (59), the Wild Boars of Choate (64), Exeter (90), and finally Andover with a painful 106 points. However, the races cannot tarnish the season the boys had. To finish at 6-1 in such a talented league, and to know that they were so close to the championship certainly assuage the boys. Certainly, the bitter taste will propel the boys into the upcoming seasons, mainly track, and towards a dedicated summer of running. Four of the varsity seven will return, and it will be up to Wolfe, Kapor, Barron and Feigenbaum to ensure that next year does not end the same way. The depth of the Andover team is comforting as the harriers hang up their spikes and lie in wait for next fall's action. The senior class can leave Andover XC, not depressed and sadden by their interscholastic flop, but with the realization that this was one a great team who had a great season.Commented Co-Captain Gavin Kuangparichat, "Our performance at Interschols simply wasn't all we had hoped it would be."

SPORT:__Girls Cross Country __

YEAR:__2002-2003___

CAPTAIN: Kathryn Moore,Anne Riordan

MANAGER:

COACH: Elwin Sykes, Nacy Lang

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON___8___**LOST**____0____**TIED**___0_____

2nd at Interschols

Letter Winners

Alexander, Celia
Allenby, Kendra
Faulkner, Katherine
Finn, Heather
Fraser, Elizabeth Lovat
Itoh, Loui
Lippe, Amy
Littlefield, Caitlin
Maffione, Catherine
Moore, Kathryn
Murphy, Alison
Riordan, Anne
Robie, Elizabeth
Sharp, Anne
Watson, Emily
Weisz, Samantha

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts
Cross Country Girls – Varsity
2002

Name	Year	Hometown
Moore, Kathryn	2003	Pelham, NH
Hung, Christina	2005	Andover, MA
Murphy, Alison	2005	Piedmont, CA
Sharp, Anne	2005	Andover, MA
Ainsworth, Kaitlin	2003	Portland, ME
Alexander, Celia	2004	Greenwich, CT
Deena, Shivaun	2004	Greenville, NC
Finn, Heather	2003	Andover, MA
Fraser, Elizabeth Sarah	2004	New York, NY
Littlefield, Caitlin	2003	Andover, MA
Maffione, Catherine	2004	Alpharetta, GA
Riordan, Anne	2003	Pride's Crossing, MA
Russell, Mariah	2004	Lynnfield, MA
Watson, Emily	2004	Rocky Mount, NC
Weisz, Samantha	2003	Crystal Lake, IL
Allenby, Kendra	2005	Annandale, NJ
Robie, Elizabeth	2004	Raleigh, NC
Faulkner, Katherine	2006	Homer, AK
Ngo, My	2006	Rego Park, NY
Manning, Eileen	2005	Chester, CT
Hurley, Chloe	2005	Providence, RI
Latina, Jacqueline	2004	North Andover, MA
Lippe, Amy	2004	Los Altos Hills, CA
McCallum, Carroll	2005	New Canaan, CT
Peck, Audrey	2003	Holden Beach, NC
Serreze, Carina	2005	Haydenville, MA
Viktorin, Marcella	2005	Houston, TX
Waldo, Sarah	2005	Dracut, MA
McBride, Courtney	2003	Baltimore, MD
Polk-Bauman, Adelaide	2004	Palisades, NY
Dlesk, Katherine	2003	Andover, MA
Reich, Margaret	2006	Houston, TX
Itoh, Loui	2003	141-0021 Tokyo, JAP

Captains: Kathryn Moore, Anne Riordan
Coaches: Elwin Sykes, Nancy Lang

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Manager: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller, M.D

Eight Phillips Varsity Athletic Teams Prepare for their Fall 2002 Campaigns; Both Cross-Country Teams Look to Attack Exeter

GIRLS X-COUNTRY

Graduate the top girls' runner in Andover history? That might be a pretty big deal to the girl's cross-country team, but you wouldn't know talking to Co-Captain Kathryn Moore '03. "If you look at the years the team has won Interschols, it happens when we go in without a powerhouse of a team. Last year, we didn't have enough depth. This year we have a stronger base. I still like pizza, and this team is ready for a big season."

The team's depth will certainly be their strength. Members of the 2001 JV Interschols championship team will advance to the top seven, joining Captains Moore and Anne Riordan '03, as well as Hoppy Maffione '04, Lizzy Fraiser '04 and Sam Weisz '03. 2001 League Champions, Exeter, will certainly be Andover's biggest competitor. When the girls ride the bus up to New Hampshire, behind enemy lines, you can be sure coach Lang will have the team ready. The work has already begun, as the team has been training hard for much of the summer. "The girls better have been working hard this summer," added Moore, who has been doing her mileage since track season ended in May, "because this is not a sport for the weak." Weak, this team is anything but that. If they can run together through the heat of September and the chills of November, they might just be the best, too.

PA Girls X-C Out with a Bang; Brooks Falls, Canterbury Next

by Jack McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

On Saturday the 14th, the Varsity Girls Cross Country team tested their ranks in a time trail, on a starting line with the top Andover boys. Captain Anne Riordan '03 said, "I think the team's performance was really solid ... everyone's going to drop a lot of their time [from today]...the training has been going really well"

The official weather report for the day was "Sunny and Hot." The course was dry, although the sanctuary was largely littered with fallen foliage from strong winds earlier in the week. Many remember that storm's effects in the two power outages on the night of Wednesday the 11th.

According to Coach Stableford, the weather for the time trial this year was "about 30 degrees hotter than when we ran last year." The strong performances by athletes across the board are impressive, given the impediment of heat.

Hoppy Maffione '04 commented, "A lot of the girls seemed disappointed in their times...but given the weather and how early it is in the season they all did amazingly well."

Said Coach Elwin Sykes, "Anne Riordan crossed the line first, with a time of 21:15; I [Hoppy] was second with 21:49, then Katie Faulkner '06, then Sam [Weisz '03], then Caitlin Littlefield '03, then Allison Murphy '05."

According to Hoppy, she and Riordan were disappointed with their times personally, but happy with how the rest of the team looked.

Everyone who has followed cross-country before knows well that the times and finishing places from the time trial change drastically from this, the first test of strength, to Interschols, the final goal. What is important at this point is for the teams to stay healthy and to keep their spirits up as they go into a season of hard racing and training.

On Wednesday September 18, the Girls had their first race of the season against Brooks and Tyngsboro. The course was a tricky one, with two major hills, including one in the last 800 meters of the course. According to racers though, the true difficulty of the course lay in the several smaller hills. The terrain was a mixture of grass and pavement, which made it difficult for the runners to set their paces.

The Andover girls, however, produced a smashing victory. In the top seven finishers, all but one were from Andover. Brooks was able to slip one harrier into the number three spot, but only after Big Blue co-captains Kathryn Moore '03 and Anne Riordan '03 had solidified the win, taking first and second. According to Kathryn, the course was difficult, and while the results would lead to an evaluation of the team as strong, one should be hesitant in this evaluation the times were not overwhelmingly impressive.

The top seven finishers were Moore with a time of 20:38, Riordan and Lizzy Fraser '04 finishing under 22 minutes, Samantha Weisz '03, Maffione, and Katie Faulkner '06.

Worthy of notice was a heroic performance by Caitlin Littlefield. After a strong time trial on Saturday, Littlefield struggled with dehydration and nausea in the race on Wednesday. After a strong finish, she was taken to Isham infirmary for evaluation.

Girls Cross Country Time Trial 9/14/02

Anne Riordan	21:18
Hoppy Maffione	21:49
Katie Faulkner	22:09
Sam Weisz	22:26
Caitlin Littlefield	22:30
Alison Murphy	22:37
Celia Alexander	23:16
Kendra Allenby	24:15
Shivaun Deena	24:32

J. Wardrop/ *The Phillipian*

San Weisz '03 will provide race experience and power in this year's front seven.

Girls XC Demolishes Choate, As No Opponent Can Come Close

by Jack McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Some times you win: some times you just plain embarrass the opposition.

This past Saturday, the Andover Girls' Cross-Country team took a large crew south, to the wild unknowns of the Connecticut territory, more commonly known as Choate. Reconnaissance said that Choate would be tough, but Andover put its opponent away in style.

The Choate girls were looking for vengeance after a somewhat shabby performance at last year's New England Interscholastic Prep School Track Association (NEPSTA) Championship, which interestingly enough, was held at Andover. On their home course, on a flatter, slightly shorter 2.95 miler, Choate looked to upset the perennially strong Andover ladies. The course featured mostly grass, including loops around several of the soccer fields and a finish on the sidelines of the football field. There was one notable hill, locally known as "Suicide" but known to Coach Stableford as "Sewer-side" for undisclosed reasons.

It was a good day to scream, "GO PA!" As soon as the race settled, it was clear that Andover would win: Katie Faulkner '06 and Co-Captains Anne Riordan '03 and Kathryn Moore '03 held the first three positions. This combination is rather like holding all the trumps: no matter what combination the other runners finish in, the team with the first three will win. A cross-country spectator at the race observed, "Our varsity made an incredible showing, getting our top three in ahead of their first runner." This is said not to belittle the accomplishments of the other Andover runners: Lissie Robie '05, Lizzy Fraser '04, Sam Weisz '03 and Hoppy Maffione '04, also ran well, taking the pressure off the front three and allowing them to push each other for a spectacular finish.

"The finish was the best part; I hope someone got a picture of it," said Moore.

In the classic and ultimate gesture of team spirit and good sportsmanship Moore, Faulkner and Riordan crossed the line holding hands. Anyone who has run long distance for a while knows the horrible feeling of running a whole race with someone, then having them pass you in the last straightaway. About that spectacular finish, Faulkner said, "It was really cool running with Anne and Kathryn, and I could never have done it without them. They encouraged me the whole way through."

Since neither team had a particularly large group of runners, varsity and JV started at the same time. The JV runners from Andover were not intimidated, and some good performances were witnessed. At the front of the JV bracket was Anne Sharp '05, followed by Allison Murphy '05, Heather Finn '03, Shivaun Deena '04 Kendra Allenby '05. In general, people were impressed and possibly deluded by their times, because the course was shorter and easier than many that the girls run during the season.

On Wednesday, the Girls voyaged north to St. Paul's school. St. Paul's was Third place in the Girls Varsity race last year at the interscholastic championships, 42 points behind Andover's Second place finish overall. For results and in-depth analysis and commentary, catch next week's Phillipian.

Girls Cross Country Vs. Choate

1. Kathryn Moore	19:41
1. Anne Riordan	19:41
1. Katie Faulkner	19:41
5. Lissie Robie	20:17
6. Lizzie Fraser	20:40
7. Sam Weisz	20:43
8. Hoppy Maffione	20:44

F.Wang/*The Phillipian*

Kathryn Moore is en route to her three-way tie for first.

F Wang/*The Phillipian*

Lissie Rohie '04 was forced to step it up this weekend against N.M.H. with the injury of certain varsity runners.

X-Country's Scorching Speed Burns Northfield

by Jack McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**25**
N.M.H.	**34**

The weather may have been lousy, but you wouldn't know it looking at the faces of the Girls' Cross Country team as they loaded onto the bus to trek back to Andover: Nothing but smiles. Winning solid races at both the Varsity and JV levels, the girls had every right to be happy about the victorious, though soggy, day.

Even before the varsity race started, the girls were at a disadvantage: Co-Captain Kathryn Moore '03 slipped on the wet ground and hurt her knee, rendering her incapable of racing. Without their star runner from the previous race, the girls found themselves in a similar position as the boys, who were without Josh Wolfe '04 due to a logistical conflict. Nevertheless, hot-shot freshman Katie Faulkner '06 and Co-Captain Anne Riordan '03 stepped it up to bring the lady blue to victory.

As Moore watched the race, she commented, "[It's] a lousy day, and the course is lousy too...this meet was closer than any of our other meets yet." Moore continued, "The course was dangerous, and was really quite slow, despite its net flatness. The trails were largely rooted, and there was more than one instance of horse plop, right there in the middle of the trail." This is a testament to NMH's extremely rural location.

As the runners came out of the woods and onto the lopsided grassy path to the finish, a sigh escaped the lips of the Andover supporters: A red NMH jersey was in the front. A noble effort by Faulkner, however, almost caught this NMH harrier on the final flat stretch. Finishing in 20:30, Faulkner was 15 seconds off her time from the flatter course at St. Paul's the previous week. This loss in time is easily attributed to the twisty nature of the second mile at NMH. Faulkner said, "It was a hard race, harder than we had expected. NMH was faster than we had anticipated, and we weren't counting on having Kathryn out. I think I could have caught that NMH girl if Kathryn was there to push me. I always run a lot harder with her." Moore said, of Faulkner's race, "At first I was pissed she didn't catch the NMH girl, because I know Katie is faster, but then I saw her time and I was happy." Local running knowledge says that times at NMH tend to be about 45 seconds slower than other 5k courses. Moore added, "Katie will catch her, come 'scols, I have no doubt."

25 seconds behind Faulkner was Andover's second runner, Anne Riordan '03, sealing third place and the race for the big blue. Riordan was unhappy with her performance, but Moore consoled her, saying "Riordan has been pushing herself really hard, and she was tired. With the taper, she'll be right up there."

The time is fast approaching to put away the "shoulda-woulda-couldas." This weekend the girls face Deerfield in their only home meet of the season. After that there is only one more meet, against traditional rival Exeter, before the New England championships. For now, the girls will have the longest mileage of the season, and the hardest workouts, before they begin their taper for the end. Tune in next week for more.

F.Wang/*The Phillipian*

Co-Captain Kathryn Moore '03 (left) and Katie Faulkner '06 once again finished together in Saturday's meet against DA.

In Season's Only Home Meet, PA Delivers a Win

by Jack and Catalina McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**21**
Deerfield	**40**

Blue uniforms are becoming a familiar sight in the front of the pack and crossing the finish line first at the Girls' Cross Country races. As the spectators at Andover's only home meet this year turned up their collars, the ladies cross country team prepared to deal out another dish of defeat to Deerfield this past Saturday. The Big Blue emerged victorious again this week, easily handing Deerfield a loss, despite the fact that key runners were missing.

When the teams gathered to do their three-mile warm up, the rain was an almost pleasant drizzle. By the time Deerfield rolled in, it had become a cold and steady downpour. "There's a lake in the middle of the path at the gate going into the sanctuary," said Coach Stableford. "You'll be able to hurdle it on the way out, but on the way in...Well, your shoes'll be wet by then anyway."

As the girls emerged onto the great lawn, the Andover home crowd was finally able to witness what the talented team of runners had seen for several weeks already: Two Andover runners together, way out in front. This time, it was Katie Faulkner '06 and co-captain Kathryn Moore '03. Following these two, the crowd drew in its breath as two Deerfield runners came onto the course. As Lissie Robie '04, Hoppy Maffione '04 and Caitlin Littlefield '03, however, came onto the lawn next, the crowd breathed a sigh of relief; the race was clinched.

Saturday's meet gave the girls was yet another opportunity to display Andover's depth. Running without front runner Co-Captain Anne Riordan '03, and without usual varsity scorers Sam Weisz '03 and Lizzy Fraser '04, the girls performance is all the more impressive.

First for JV, and 8th overall, was Heather Finn '03, with an excellent finish at 22:51. Following her with a personal record was Emily Watson '04 at 22:59. Coming in 10th was Anne Sharp '05 at 23:10. Commented Sharp, "The awful weather made it a not-so-great race for me, but I totally admired everyone else for pulling through and doing awesome." Loui Itoh '03 came in next, closely followed by Kendra Allenby '05. Having suffered a personally bad season so far, which she attributes to overtraining, Allenby was pleased with her time of 23:30. In 13th and 14th places respectively were Catalina McCallum '05 and Jackie Latina '06, both with personal records of 23:41 and 24:17. Finishing out the JV race was stellar short-track runner Katie Dlesk '03 in 15th with a time of 24:58.

Also racing were members of the training group. Everyone had an excellent race, some taking large amounts off of her course records. There were good performances from Mariah Russell '04, Chloe Hurley '05, Christina Hung '05, Audrey Peck '03, Carina Serreze '05, Sarah Waldo '05, Maggie Reich '06, and Eileen Manning '05. The training group shows an amazing amount of potential, a key to the future of Big Blue running.

About the race, Maffione said, "Lots of us had seasonal bests, even though it was rainy and cold...We are ready to peak." With the Exeter meet only a week away, and their eyes on the New England Champion the following week; the girls could hardly be in a better place.

Moore '03 Takes Third at Interschols for Girls XC

by Jack and Catalina McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

The Girls' Varsity Cross-Country Team competed at the New England Interscholastic Prep School Track Association (NEPSTA) Championship this past weekend, yielding unexpected results. Phillips Academy, undefeated in dual and tri-meets was upset by Phillips Exeter Academy, whom the blue had beaten easily the week before.

The 2002 NEPSTA Division I Champion was Catherine Breaux of Loomis Chaffee, who ran a 19:08, 8 seconds off of the 19:00 record set by Melissa Donais in the fall 2000 season. Second was Marisa Ryan of Taft, at 19:28. Third, was Andover's own Kathryn Moore '03, coming in with a time of 19:47.

The runners in the varsity race were Co-Captains Moore '03 and Anne Riordan '03, along with Katie Faulkner '06, Lissie Robie '04, Samantha Weisz '03, Lizzy Fraser '04 and Hoppy "Hopstah Lobstah" Maffione '04.

After witnessing the demise of PA's Boys' Cross-Country team half an hour earlier, the girls were hot for justice by the start of varsity race at 2:30. Going out hard, Andover's top three showed the same speed at which fan's had oogled all season. The race spread out, and at the two-mile mark, where recent PA cross-country grads Tony Bitz '02, Danforth Sullivan '02 and Wes Furman '01, encouraged the runners, Andover was in a good spot, and poised to move.

In the end, however, it was Andover's lack of depth that cost them the day. While Andover's seven runners placed 3, 16, 19, 21, 24, (29), (33), Exeter's finishes dropped off much more sharply after their fifth runner, finishing at 4, 8, 11, 13, 15, (35), and (56). These numbers go to show how well-prepared Exeter's runners were on this day. Having beaten Exeter the week before, one would think that Andover's Interschols victory would be a piece of cake. Nevertheless, once again the altruism comes to mind that on any given day, any team can win.

The JV girls were the only Andover team on Saturday to bring home a gold team prize. Two minutes before their race, the last race of the day, the members of the Andover Girls JV team were told that the Exeter Girls Varsity had just beaten Andover's. With their will steeled against the cursed Exies, the JV led from pillar to post, capturing such a convincing victory that Exeter was sent home only partially satisfied. It was a beautiful sight to see four Big Blue runners sprint in to take the top spots.

The winner of the JV race was Celia Alexander '04 at 21:55. Following her, just under the 22 minutes mark, was Caitlin Littlefield '03. Both finishing at 22:16, Alison Murphy '05 and Amy Lippe '04 took third and fourth place, respectively. Next in, were runners from Exeter and NMH, but then Heather Finn '03 placed 7th with a time of 22:47, finishing PA's top five in well before anyone else. Also in the top fifteen were Emily Watson '04 in 9th place with a time of 22:49, and Loui Itoh '03 in 10th at 22:50. Catalina McCallum '05 finshed 20th at 23:36, followed by Katie Dlesk '03 in 21st at 22:37. Jackie Latina '04 came in at 23:58 in 24th, Anne Sharp '05 at 24:02 in 26th, and Kendra Allenby '05 at 24:03 in 27th. Out of the 93 girls in the race, Andover's twelve runners all finished in the top 30. This is quite an accomplishment. The girls took revenge for all three of PA's other teams, finishing off the day with a resounding win.

SPORT: Field Hockey

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: Cortney Tetrault ; Nysa Liebermann

MANAGER: Angelica Godoy '03

COACH: Kate Dolan

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Martha Fenton '83

SEASON RECORD

WON 12 **LOST** 1 **TIED** 2

Letter Winners

Badman, Barbara
Carden, Sarah
Cloyd, Gertrude
Conlon, Kathleen
Crocker, Nicole
Dix, Katherine
Godoy, Angelica
Hudson, Marissa
Jammal, Jevan
Johnson, Carolyn
Kelly, Whitney
Leonard, Katherine
Liebermann, Nyssa
Locks, Lindsey
Minahan, Kathleen
Montecalvo, Megan
Pakravan, Natasha
Smith, Jennifer
Stecker, Kelly
Tetrault, Cortney

Field Hockey

			PA	Opp.
Wed. Sept. 11, 2002	(H)	GOVERNOR DUMMER (scrimmage)	3	0
Sat. Sept./14/2002	(A)	GROTON (scrimmage)		
Wed. Sept./18/2002	(A)	MILTON (scrimmage)	3	1
Sat. Sept/21/2002	(A)	LOOMIS	3	2
Wed. Sept/25/2002	(A)	HARVARD	3	0
Sat. Sept/28/2002	(H)	TABOR H	2	0
Wed. Oct/2/2002	(A)	ST. MARK'S	1	0
Sat. Oct/5/2002	(A)	CHOATE	2	0
Wed. Oct/9/2002	(A)	B. B. & N.	2	0
Sat. Oct/12/2002	(A)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	1	0
Wed. Oct/16/2002	(A)	BROOKS	cancelled	
Sat. Oct/19/2002	(A)	N.M.H.	5	0
Wed. Oct/23/2002	(H)	ST. PAUL'S	cancelled	
Fri. Oct/25/2002	(H)	DEERFIELD	2	0
Wed. Oct/30/2002	(H)	MIDDLESEX	1	0
Sat. Nov/2/2002	(H)	CUSHING	3	0
Wed. Nov/6/2002	(H)	MILTON	2	1
Sat. Nov/9/2002	(H)	EXETER	0	0
Wed. Nov/13/2002	(H)	NEPSAC Tourney vs Taft	0	1

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts
Field Hockey – Varsity
2002

No.	Name	Yr	Pos	Hometown
1	Lindsey Locks	03	B	Philadelphia, PA
2	Kat Conlon	04	F	Bourne, MA
3	Kelly Stecker	05	M	Beverly Farms, MA
4	Barbara Badman	03	F	Greenwich, CT
5	Kat Dix	05	F	Andover, MA
6	Nyssa Liebermann	03	M	Magnolia, MA
7	Nikki Crocker	05	F	Dover, MA
8	Trudi Cloyd	03	B	Houston, TX
9	Jenny Smith	03	F	Aberdeen, Scotland
10	Cortney Tetrault	03	B	Hatfield, MA
12	Marissa Hudson	04	B	Gloucester. MA
11	Carolyn Johnson	04	B	Andover, MA
16	Whitney Kelly	04	M	Andover, MA
18	Natasha Pakravan	04	F	Andover, MA
23	Megan Montecalvo	06	M	Ipswich, MA
29	Sarah Carden	03	F	Montclair, NJ
14	Jevan Jammal	06	F	Arlington, MA
99	Kate Leonard	03	G	Eliot, ME
33	Kathleen Minahan	03	G	Andover, MA

Coaches: Kate Dolan, Martha Fenton '83
Managers: Angelica Godoy '03

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Manager: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller, M.D.

10/2

Stecker's Late Goal Lifts PA Over St. Mark's; Leonard Is Impenetrable

In one of the most dramatic wins in PA field hockey history, Andover defeated St. Mark's 1-0 with no time no the clock. Kelly Stecker scored on a crossing pass from Jenny Smith on a corner play in extra time (If a corner is earned before time expires, then the team is allowed to take the corner and the game ends when the ball is scored, goes out of bounds or out of the circle). Fortunately, for Andover this game ended with the ball going into the St. Mark's goal. The corner was set up by a fast break from Kat Conlon who had received a pass from Megan Montecalvo. Conlon got the ball at midfield with 12 seconds left on the clock, she took the ball into the St. Mark's circle and forced a corner with just 2 seconds left in the game. As time expired, Andover set up and played out the corner. Nyssa Liebermann hit the ball out to Cortney Tetrault and somehow Smith crossed the ball to Stecker who put it past the St. Mark's goalie for the game winning shot! Tremendous credit goes to PA goalie Kate Leonard who turned away 8 quality shots by St. Mark's in the first half. St. Mark's totally outplayed Andover in the first half dominating in the number of shots, corners and territorial advantage, and it was Leonard's stellar play that kept Andover in the game. However, the second half, Andover got on track and dominated in terms of shots and corners but the team just had a difficult time finishing in the circle. Until Stecker ended the game with her first goal of the season! Andover improves to 4-0 on the season and the team will travel to play at Choate on Saturday.

FIELD HOCKEY

Coming off their second consecutive trip to the NEPSAC Class A tournament semi-finals, the Andover Varsity Field Hockey team will attempt to reach the next level in their bid to become Class A Champions. Co-Captains Courtney Tetrault '03 and Nyssa Liebermann '03 as well as starters Trudi Cloyd '03 and Lindsay Locks '03 will lead the team. Other returning players include Sarah Carden '03, Marissa Hudson '04, Kelly Stecker '05, Kat Conlon '04, and Nicki Crocker '05. "This year will really depend on how well our returners play, stated Coach Kate Dolan. "We have a strong core group of returners but after that there are a lot of question marks and for the first time in five years probably 5-6 spots on the varsity team are wide open. So depth is a major concern of mine going into the season."

The team has a few other early areas of concern. The Big Blue will have to find a goalkeeper to replace two-year starter Pam Wessling '02 (the team posted 8 shutouts last season) and scoring with some consistency. The team played seven games in which they scored just one goal or less and had a record of 1-1-5 in those games. Andover faces another challenge in their difficult schedule, playing tough opponents such as St. Paul's, Milton, Deerfield, and Middlesex. "The stiff competition prepares the team well for possible postseason play," said Dolan. "The 2002 team will face a challenging schedule, but if the pieces and players fall into place, it could be a very successful campaign."

Eight Phillips Varsity Athletic Teams Prepare for their Fall 2002 Campaigns; Both Cross-Country Teams Look to Attack Exeter

Tetrault, Liebermann Help Field Hockey to Two Wins

by Kristina Chang and Marissa Hudson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	3
GDA	0
Andover	3
Milton	1

This young Big Blue field hockey team has been, since the first days of preseason, in the shadows of the dominant team of Fall 2001. Sweaty and exhausted after the first half of last Wednesday's scrimmage against Milton, the girls feared they would be unable to fill last year's large shoes.

Still tied 0-0 against Milton, it looked as if the girls may lose a game even before the official season started.

From there, the team went downhill, at one point trailing 0-1. They would come out triumphant from this ordeal, however, winning the scrimmage 3-1, and reasserting themselves as one of the best teams in New England.

How did this happen?

The first goal came from Varsity returnee Kat Conlon '04. Conlon scored off a hard shot in the circle, bringing the score to 1-1. But the Big Bad Blue would not stop there.

Less than five minutes later, Courtney Tetrault '03 led the team, pushing them ahead of their competitors. Lindsey Locks '03 took a free-hit, passing the ball to Tetrault, who slammed the ball past the goalie; and so the Girls in Blue began their total domination.

With ten minutes remaining, it was necessary for the Andover team to stay strong and keep their lead.

The defensemen were on their toes and ready to finish the game in style.

That would be unnecessary, however, because the offensive unit would keep possession of the ball on their side of the field.

Not only did the PA team prevent Milton from catching up, but they also tallied another goal.

The point came from none other than veteran Sarah Carden '03.

Carden, after a scramble in front of the net, ripped a ball into the circle to bring the score to 3-1.

Co-Captain Tetrault, who has been a leader both on and off the field, asserted, "After the first half, with the score still 0-0, there were doubts about how we would perform, considering our lack of scoring."

She continued, "Once they scored on us, and we came back, it showed me, as a captain, that my team could respond to a deficit. We look strong and prepared as we head into our first game tomorrow."

The girls were not only triumphant on Wednesday, but also in the pair of scrimmages they played last Saturday at Groton. Traveling for the first time as a team, the girls made the short trip to Groton, MA where they faced both the host and Windsor.

Although the scores were not kept, in part because it was a scrimmage, and because of the format of the games (the girls started by playing the first half of each game, and then had a short break before playing the second half of each game), the Big Blue controlled both the offensive and defensive sides of the field.

Co-Captain Nyssa Liebermann '03, along with the majority of the team, was extremely pleased with the knowledge that the team took away from Saturday's scrimmages.

"Saturday's scrimmage showed both the strengths and weaknesses of our young team. After discovering our weaknesses on Saturday, we used practice time on Tuesday to improve in those areas.

Wednesday's scrimmage showed that we were successful in our endeavors to begin to fill the gaps left behind by the seniors of 2002."

This year's team looks to fill gaps in the departments of midfield and offense.

Offensive newcomers Barbara Badman '03, this week's Athlete of the Week, and Scottish postgraduate Jenny Smith '03, have already shown that they are up to the challenge. With their speed and game sense, Smith and Badman will be a dangerous threat to PA's opponents.

In the midfield, Captain's Liebermann and Tetrault look to control the game. Trudi Cloyd '03, usually a back, will be expected to step up as a midfielder this season. These three will look to fill in the shoes left behind by PA star Betsy Burke '02.

With each game, this diaper-dandy of a team continues to improve and unlock their hidden potential. These three scrimmages have shown that this team has the potential of living up to last year's.

Athlete Of The Week

Barbara Badman '03

"This season we really need some who can just score, and Barbara does that job really well." —Co-Captain Courtney Tetrault '03

by Kristina Chang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

It's the first scrimmage for the Big Blue field hockey team. There are about a dozen non-returnees vying for the coveted half-a-dozen spots to play with the Big Blue varsity squad. To keep their place on the team, each non-returnee is looking for an opportunity to shine; to stand above the rest. One of those girls succeeded in doing just that, by scoring a pair of goals that would send the Andover team to a 3-0 victory over their GDA opponents. Who was that girl? That girl was lacrosse standout turned field hockey star Barbara Badman '03, The Phillipian's first Athlete of the Week for the 2002-2003 school year.

Born and raised in Greenwich, Connecticut, Barbara started playing field hockey in fourth grade. She played at the instructional level until reaching seventh grade, at which time she started playing competitively against other schools. Although Badman came from a family, which had a strong tradition of soccer, she opted to stick with the stick, and play field hockey.

Barbara's decision to continue with field hockey had been influenced by lacrosse and field hockey coach, Mrs. Rourke, with whom Badman credits her success. "My coach from home saw something I didn't see. She encouraged me to play, and she worked with me on the side to hone my skills." Barbara continued to improve, eventually captaining her school's varsity team (her middle school ended in ninth grade).

Entering Andover as a new lower, Badman played on the JV team. Knee surgery prevented Barbara from playing her upper year, although she continued involvement with PA field hockey by managing the varsity squad. Despite the fact that this is her last year at Andover, Badman decided to still come to preseason and try out for the varsity squad.

Barbara, playing goalie before switching to left wing, went through preseason performing well, although she had not quite found her niche... until Wednesday's scrimmage. Concerning her breakthrough playing on Wednesday, Badman commented, "When you're playing really well, everything falls into place. There are no words to describe it because when you're playing well, it radiates, and as a result, the team plays well." After playing decently during preseason, Badman felt that her stellar performance last Wednesday was a genuine boost to her confidence.

Co-Captain Courtney Tetrault '03 showed the team's appreciation for Badman's skills. "This season we really need someone who can just score, and Barbara does that job really well. We hope she can keep it up for the rest of the season."

Barbara's "everything for the team" attitude has already earned her respect from teammates and coaches alike. Varsity returnee Marissa Hudson had nothing but praise for her teammate: "Barbara's positive outlook towards both individual and team success, as well as her sense of humor, seems to spread to everyone on the team. Although this is only her first year on the team, she has already established herself as a leader."

Tetrault added, "Barbara is one of the most enthusiastic players I've ever played with." Coach Kate Dolan also holds this left wing in high regards. "I think Barbara's very humble, in part because she missed last year and in part because she initially came to preseason as a goalie. She work hard and tries to do whatever she can to help the team."

Teammates' respect for Badman is most definitely mutual. "My teammates are really encouraging. Although we just finalized the team, I think we'll be great in the end because everyone has something to offer. The team dynamic is already great; we all really get along."

"My favorite part of field hockey is when you hear the ball hit the back of the goal; it's a compilation of everyone's efforts paying off." Expect this star to hear that sound many more times before the end of fall's season. Look for Badman to be a key contributor to the success of the Big Blue field hockey team this season.

Undefeated Field Hockey Shuts Out Choate, BB&N

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	2
Choate	0
Andover	2
BB&N	0

Don't let the skirts fool you... the Big Blue's Varsity field hockey team is not afraid to tear it up.

PA dominated in their competitions this past week.

The destruction of opposing teams began with their game against Choate Rosemary Hall this past Saturday.

On their way to Connecticut, the girls were nervous about the upcoming game due to what they felt has been a sub-par season of play so far. (It is important to note, however, that though our ladies believe they haven't been playing to their full potential, they still remain undefeated.)

Luckily, the team was on and they came back to Andover to the tune of a 2 – 0 victory. The win boosted the ladies' season record up to an impressive 5 – 0, and there were a number of breakthrough performances on the pitch.

The first half of the game was intense, and both teams had multiple scoring opportunities. For Andover, the hard hitters were Kat Conlon '04, Nikki Crocker '05. and PG Jenny Smith. The team's constant battering finally got to the Choate Rosemary Hall goalie when Carolyn Johnson '04 scored with four minutes left in the first half. Johnson's goal was beautifully assisted by Conlon and Marissa Hudson '04.

Hudson commented on the flawless team work that was evident in the Big Blue's game when she said, "Finally the things we've been working on in practice came together. Everything felt right; we were playing more at our level and not letting the other team bring us down."

Hudson later mused that, perhaps, what brought out the Lady Blue's skills was the fact that Choate Rosemary Hall offered some good competition, whereas the other teams they have played this season have not been very too threatening.

During the second half, PA absolutely dominated the field: The Wild Boars did not get a single shot on goal or a corner.

The team picked up their play, and Conlon again stepped up and scored the team's second goal, with the assistance of Lindsey Locks '03 and Captain Cortney Tetrault '03.

The second half action continued in the favor of Phillips when the girls earned a stroke after having a third goal called back.

Post-graduate Kate Leonard was nominated to take the shot, and though her execution was at its best, the Choate Rosemary Hall goalie managed to deflect the shot.

Lindsey Locks summed up the team's thoughts about the game, stating, "We all played really well as individuals, but at the same time we played well as a team."

She also agreed with Hudson's earlier statement that finally they felt as though the skills they had worked so hard to perfect in practice were coming out in their game play.

On Wednesday, the team made the short trip south to Buckingham Browne and Nichols to play the Knights.

Again, our ladies proved that they are winners and defeated BB&N with a final score of 2 – 0. Unfortunately, the game got off to a slow start for the girls. They had not managed to score by half time. The team is known for having a very strong second half, and, after getting to know the quirks of the field during the first half, the ladies came back with two goals.

Crocker netted the first goal, and Kat Dix '05 knocked the second goal in. Captain Tetrault commented that the second half was pretty unusual as far as field hockey norms go – the team was only awarded one corner, but managed to score two goals; usually the number of corners far

Continued on Page B2, Column 6

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Co-Captain Cortney Tetrault '03 leaves Choate in the dust.

FIELD HOCKEY CONTINUES TO FIND THE NET

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

exceeds the number of goals.

"But then again," she said, "we're kind of an interesting team!"

The team assessed their level of play against BB&N to be below their expectations, but, as Tetrault pointed out, they did manage to get back into the swing of things in the second half.

Their strength came from their passing abilities and their willingness to work together as a strong unit.

Here's the bottom line on the field hockey team: don't be surprised if you see the ladies gathering around in a circle and singing. "We are the champions," because they have been literally unstoppable this season.

CONLON '04 ON SCORING SPREE TOPPLING NMH

F.H. STILL UNDEFEATED

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

was also her first goal of the season. Conlon was back on the scene with two minutes left to the game when she was able to score a goal off of a corner taken by Tetrault. Not wishing to be left out of the scoring bonanza, Sarah Carden '03 put one past the Hogger goalie with less than a minute left up on the board. This win brings varsity field hockey's record up to an impressive 8-0-1.

The girls were looking forward to playing St. Paul's this past Wednesday but again were thwarted by the weather ... and instead of rain this time they got snow! "We were all really disappointed that the game was cancelled," said Carden, "St. Paul's is one of our biggest rivals." Unfortunately, the game will probably not be rescheduled according to Coach Martha Fenton.

Though disappointed about their missed game against St. Paul's, the chicks with sticks hope to carry the momentum of their NMH game into the final stretch of the season where they will be facing some of their hardest competition. Looking ahead in the season, the Big Blue will be matched up against Deerfield, Middlesex, Tyngsboro HS, and Exeter. Deerfield is a historically strong team that should prove to be stiff competition. Their record is currently 8-0-1 and they managed to beat Exeter earlier this season 1-0. The girls are psyched to face Deerfield because their game is on a Friday night under the lights at home.

The Big Blue should be very strong against Exeter when they meet up in early November. The Exies have a rather dismal record of 3-4 and lost to NMH with a score of 4-1. The question is not whether or not the Big Blue will beat our neighbors to the north. The question is how much will our field hockey team win by.

Field Hockey Responds to First Tie Against Brooks with a 5-Goal Pounding of Hoggers

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	1
Brooks	1
Andover	5
N.M.H.	0

Big Blue Field Hockey plowed through Northfield Mount Hermon 5-0 to continue their winning streak last Saturday - the girls also tied the competative Brooks team 1-1 on Thursday.

Even though the field hockey team did not lose last Thursday, by their standards they certainly did not win. Coach Kate Dolan described Thursday's competition as being quite a "see-saw game" because the teams were very evenly matched.

Brooks took control of the game quickly by scoring within the first ten minutes of play. The Brooks players were able to remain strong throughout the first half and managed to get a number of shots off against Andover. Leonard, however was solid in the back, and Brooks' attempts were futile. As is their habit, the Hoggers with sticks came back to the second half with a renewed intensity spurred on by Captain Courtney Tetrault '03. They toughed it out and were rewarded when Tetrault put one in to tie the game. The girls were able to keep the Hoggers at bay for the rest of the game and came home with a tie. Though it was not a win, the girls remain undefeated with an impressive record of 7-0-1.

F.Wang/*The Phillipian*

Sarah Carden '03 does her best to shield the ball away from an opposing defender. Carden scored one of five goals in Saturday's romp of Northfield Mount Hermon.

This past Saturday, the ladies traveled to Northfield, MA to play Northfield Mount Hermon. The game was the team's final away game for the regular season and their play definitely reflected their excitement about finally coming home to Andover and their adoring fans. The girls left NMH ecstatic about their performance and with an outstanding 5-0 win.

Coach Dolan called her team's play "relentless and attacking" and their efforts helped one player, Kat Conlon '04, to stand out. Conlon was the big hitter of the day with a hat trick."

"All of my goals were because of everyone's hard work. I wasn't the superstar; I was just lucky... but the whole team played really well the whole game, and they brought the ball up strong for me to tip in," said Conlon. Nevertheless, she was on top of her game Saturday and scored within the first 15 minutes of play. Conlon and her teammates continued to dominate the NMH end of the field for the rest of the half; which she ended appropriately by scoring goal number two with only five minutes left.

After the break, the Big Blue again came out in force and strongly held off NMH. Lindsey Locks '03 scored the first goal of the second half with about half the time gone by. Locks' goal

Continued on Page B3, Column 4

F.Wang/*The Phillipian*

Barbara Badman '03 dodges the outstretched stick of a Middlesex defender.

Field Hockey Keeps Ball Rolling with 2 More Wins

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	2
Deerfield	0
Andover	2
Middlesex	0

Field Hockey sure does not have stage fright. Andover entertained Deerfield at Phelps Field, playing an exciting game under the lights on the Friday of Parents' Weekend. With a good sized and enthusiastic crowd behind them, the ladies went into the game with high spirits. The team was optimistic, despite Deerfield's impressive and intimidating record of 8-1.

As proven by their record, the Deerfield girls were solid all around and it was hard for the Big Blue to make much headway in the first half. The action remained between the 25 yard markers, as the teams battled for control of the ball. With just about ten minutes left in the game, Lindsey Locks '03 pushed the ball in from the sidelines and, luckily for the girls, Sarah Carden '03 was there to deflect the ball in for the first point of the game. After the brief scoring explosion, the play reverted back to its stagnant and boring state and neither team seemed to be cashing in on any breaks.

With only four minutes left to the game, Jenny Smith '03 had, as Coach Kate Dolan called it, "a scintillating breakaway" for a last minute goal. Smith's score made the score two to nothing, and PA made sure to finish the game that way. However, much of the credit for the win is due to the Big Blue defense. The girls only allowed the Deerfield players one shot on goal over the course of the entire game. PA goalies Kate Leonard '03 and Kathleen Minahan '03 combined for the impressive shutout.

Continued on Page 11, Column 4

FIELD HOCKEY CAN'T BE BEAT; EXIES BEWARE

10-0-1 BEST RECORD IN TOWN

Leonard '03 Notches Two Additional Shut-outs

Continued from Page 12, Column 3

Wednesday, the ladies hosted the also impressive Middlesex. The Middlesex team came in, like Deerfield, with a notable record of 7-1-1. Lady Blue was ready to take on Middlesex, but the game turned out to be painfully unorganized for most of the girls. The teams showed relatively even strength when they had control of the ball, but the possession changed so much that no advantage was clear.

The first half was more or less a game of hit and catch up to the ball. This awkward style of play frustrated the girls. However, a few players showed some real hustle and kept eveyone in the game. Kat Conlon '04, Trudy Cloyd '03, Barbara Badman '03, and Lindsey Locks '03 all played aggressively, but were unable to channel it as they had hoped.

After a half-time pep talk the girls came back in synch. Lower Kat Dix was able to put one in with about 17 minutes left to the game. Play picked up a bit after Dix's goal, but the Andover team could not rally to score again against the puzzling Middlesex defense. Middlesex had a few opportunities on goal, but Kate Leonard '03 proved to be too much for them.

Andover netted another win, this time by the harrowingly slim margin of one to nothing. Though upset at their level of play, the ladies still came off the week with two wins, and improved their record on the season to 10-0-1. The upcoming week matches the ladies against Tyngsboro HS and, of course, arch nemesis Exeter.

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Midfielder Lindsey Locks '03 lunges, preparing to send a cross upfield.

PA Field Hockey Suffers Loss to Taft in Tourney

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

off to a slow start. She thought the girls were playing tentatively and could have been a little more aggressive against Taft. The first half hour of the game favored the Taft girls. They were able to control the ball in the Big Blue end and were awarded five penalty corners. On their fourth corner they were able to sneak one past Andover goalie Kate Leonard. The game returned to its somewhat lagging pace after this momentary excitement.

The Big Blue Ladies have the reputation of being a second half team and they definitely lived up to that status against Taft. In the second half the girls came out fired up and definitely were the commanding team on the field. They kept Taft at bay and were able to keep the Rhinos from getting a single corner or shot off. Unfortunately, the efforts of the girls went unrewarded. As Coach Kate Dolan put it, "things just weren't bouncing our way today." The girls were forced to come home with a disappointing loss that ended their spectacular season. In the final tally the season record was 12-1-2 – perhaps one of the best of all of the Big Blue teams. Their record also shows vast improvement over last years' team, which also lost in the semi-finals of the NEPSAC Class A Tournament and closed the season with a record of 9-1-6.

Coach Dolan was very proud of her ladies and was most impressed with the team's depth. The team was able to score twenty-eight goals over the season, but no one player stood out as the team's go-to point winner. As Dolan commented, "I think our scoring is really balanced and a lot of different people have scored which is good. We don't have one leading scorer perhaps, but we have a lot of kids who can score and that's been to our advantage". With all said and done, the ladies had an amazing season typified by their team spirit, hustle, and dedication, these qualities were manifest in their stellar 12-1-2 record.

BIG RED FORCE SECOND TIE FOR FIELD HOCKEY

FALLS IN TOURNAMENT

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	0
Exeter	0
Taft	1
Andover	0

Some days a team just can not manage to find the back of the net. Luckily for the Girls' Field Hockey team last Saturday, neither could their opponent, arch-rival Exeter. The Big Blue played to a scoreless tie against Exeter in their last regular season game and last home game for the class of 2003.

Although coming into the game Andover had a far superior season record, their Exeter counterparts proved to be an even match. In the first half of play both teams got off six shots and were each awarded five penalty corners. Neither team was able to capitalize on these opportunities and the first half ended with an empty scoreboard.

The second half brought more of the same; the teams were simply too well matched. Play was evenly split along the whole length of the field and neither team seemed to make much headway. However, Andover played well together and strong performances were turned in by all. A couple of players stood out with their aggression and focus. Nikki Crocker '05 did a fantastic job at forward, and Jenny Smith '03 had a couple of nice breakaways, but unfortunately no one was there to finish. Kate Leonard '03 had another amazing day in the goal. The Exies had some pretty strong attempts, but she was able to deny all of them. The girls finished the game in a 0-0 tie bringing their final season record to 12-0-2.

The ladies' impressive record was good enough to secure them a spot in this year's NEPSAC Class A Tournament. The girls were awarded the distinction of second seed. This past Wednesday they traveled down to Pomfret, CT to play seventh seeded Taft. Leading up to the game the girls were excited, but quite nervous. Though Taft was placed below the Big Blue, the Rhinos are consistently a very strong team. The Big Blue knew that they would have to pull it together to beat them and continue on in the tournament.

Coach Kate Dolan knew her team was excited going into the game, but was disappointed when the first half of play seemed to get

Continued on Page B2, Column 5

SPORT:__Football __

YEAR:__2002-2003___

CAPTAIN: Zak DeOssie

MANAGER: Thuy Le '03
Brandi Flournoy
Magalita Rene

COACH: Leon Modeste

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Lou Bernieri

SEASON RECORD

WON___3___LOST___4___TIED___1_____

Letter Winners

Augustyn, Matthew
Barber, Nicholas
Beregi, William
Boeschenstein, Harold
Boylan, Dean
Carson, David
Combs, Jonathan
Dent, Alexander
Dent, Jonathan
DeOssie, Zackary
Draheim, Stephen
Fair, Colin
Gallagher, Justin
Gallagher, Rory
Harrold, Charles
Haydock, Walter
Heighington, Andrew
Hoesley, James
Holkins, Patrick
Iheagwara, Uzoma
Jordan, Bennett
Ksiazek, Nicholas
Kuan, Derrick
Lanfranco, Anwell
Longley, Matthew
Malo, Nathaniel
Murphy, Kyle
Nottke, Jordan
Nyadjroh, Adjatay
Platt, Evan
Rattigan, Lee
Rene, Magalita
Simms, Tyler
Sherrill, Stephen
Spang, Robert
Stone, Benjamin
Velez, Edwin
Ward, Matthew

Football

		PA	OPP
Sat. 9/14/2002 CUSHING (scrimmage)	(A)		
Sat. 9/21/2002 LOOMIS	(A)	41	22
Sat. 9/28/2002 HOTCHKISS	(H)	15	41
Sat. 10/5/2002 CHOATE	(A)	42	7
Sat. 10/12/2002 KENT	(H)	14	29
Sat. 10/19/2002 N.M.H. A	(A)	15	19
Sat. 10/26/2002 DEERFIELD H	(H)	8	14
Sat. 11/2/2002 TABOR A	(A)	14	12
Sat. 11/9/2002 EXETER H	(H)	14	14

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts
Football – Varsity
2002

No.	NAME	POS O/D	YR	WEIGHT	HEIGHT	HOMETOWN
1	NYADJROH, ADAJTAY	TB/S	2003	192	6'1	SOMERVILLE, MA
2	GALLAGHER, JUSTIN	WR/DB	2003	190	6'0	OREFIELD, PA
3	SIMMS, TYLER	WR/DB	2004	183	6'1	BOURNE, MA
7	HARROLD, COTTON	TE/DE	2004	198	6'3	CHICAGO, IL
9	MURPHY, KYLE	TB/SS	2003	175	5'8	PLYMOUTH, MA
11	LONGLEY, MATTHEW	WB/DB	2003	160	5'11	YARMOUTH, ME
12	SPANG, ROBERT	QB/DB	2005	150	5'8	WAKEFIELD, MA
19	SHERRILL,STEPHEN	QB/DB	2005	155	5'11	NY, NY
21	DEOSSIE, ZAK	QB/SS	2003	220	6'5	NORTH ANDOVER, MA
22	DENT, ALEX	WR/DB	2004	150	5'7	BROOKLYN, NY
23	GALLAGHER, RORY	WR/DB	2003	175	6'2	LOWELL, MA
24	HEIGHINGTON, ANDREW	TE/DE	2003	190	6'3	DRACUT, MA
25	RATTIGAN, LEE	WR/DB	2003	170	5'9	BEDFORD, NH
28	VELEZ, EDWIN	RB/LB	2004	220	6'0	STATEN ISLAND, NY
31	BOESCHENSTEIN, HOBIE	WR/DB	2004	165	5'10	MARBLEHEAD, MA
32	WARD, MATTHEW	RB/SS	2006	160	5'9	BOXFORD, MA
33	KUAN, DERRICK	RB/DB	2004	175	5'10	SARATOGA,CA
34	AUGUSTYN, MATTHEW	TE/DE	2003	225	6'3	CHEVY CHASE,MD
42	DRAHEIM,STEPHEN	WR/DB	2004	158	5'9	ANDOVER, MA
43	KSIAZEK, NICHOLAS	FB/LB	2003	205	6'1	DHAHRAN SAUDI ARABIA
44	HOESLEY, JAMES	FB/LB	2004	210	6'1	LAKE FOREST, IL
51	COMBS, JONATHAN	OL/LB	2003	250	6'2	NY.NY
52	BARBER,NICHOLAS	OL/DE	2003	190	6'1	CAMBRIDGE,MA
54	BOYLAN, DEAN	C/DT	2003	240	6'0	ANDOVER, MA
55	NOTTKE,JORDAN	OL/DL	2005	200	6'4	SUMARTRA INDONESIA
56	FAIR,COLIN	OT/DT	2003	290	6'5	FRAMINGHAM, MA
62	HOLKINS,PATRICK	OG/DE	2004	200	6'1	OVERLAND, PARK, KA
63	CARSON, DAVID	OL/DL	2005	180	6'1	MARSHFIELD, MA
65	MALO, NATANIEL	G/LB	2003	200	5'11	ATKINSON, NH
66	PLATT, EVAN	OG/LB	2006	175	5'11	AUSTIN, TX
67	IHEAGWARA,UZOMA	OG/DT	2004	200	5'10	UPPER MARBORO, MD
68	BEREGI, WILLIAM	OL/DL	2004	240	5'7	UPPER SADDLE RIVE, NJ
70	HAYDOCK,WALTER	OG/DT	2004	220	6'0	LOCUS VALLEY, NY
71	JORDAN, BENNETT	OT/DE	2003	255	6'5	ATLANTA, GA
75	STONE,BEN	G/DT	2004	180	6'0	DOVER, MA
81	DENT, JONATHAN	WR/DB	2005	166	5'11	DENVILLE, NJ
89	LANFRANCO,ANWELL	OT/DT	2004	220	5'11	LAWRENCE, MA

Captain: Zak DeOssie '03
Team Managers: Thuy Le '03, Lawrence, MA
Brandi Flournoy '03, Brooklyn, NY
Magalita Rene '03, Brooklyn, NY
Head Coach: Leon Modeste
Assistant Head Coach: Lou Bernieri
Assistant Coaches: Steve Carter, Chip Dunn, Raj Mundra, James Hightower, Dick Collins '49

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta

Equipment Manager: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller, M.D.

Andover-Exeter Deadlocked in Latest Edition of Football Rivalry

After an emotional see-saw battle, with both teams narrowly missing opportunities to score a winning touchdown, the 122nd meeting of the Andover and Exeter football teams ended in a 14-14 tie. All-around standout Zak DeOssie had a huge day for the Big Blue playing quarterback, defensive back, and even special teams member. DeOssie helped the Big Blue break on top when he blocked a first quarter Exeter punt and several plays later zipped a 10-yard touchdown pass to wideout Justin Gallagher. The home team's 6-0 lead lasted only until early in the second quarter when Exeter running back Leo Gennaro broke free for an 84-yard run, and the Red went up 7-6. Later in the second quarter Exeter QB Matt Polhemus connected with Chris Mottau on a needle-threading 30-yard post pattern for the Red's second touchdown.

Exeter led 14-6 at the half, but Andover came out very charged up in the second half and shut down the Exeter offense almost completely. A long drive brought the Blue within striking distance in the third quarter and DeOssie arched a spiral into the corner of the end zone where Tyler Simms hauled it in on a nice diving catch just inside the end line. Trailing by 2 at 14-12, the Blue went for the 2-point conversion, turned to DeOssie again, this time on a quarterback keeper around end to tie the score. After a fourth-quarter Exeter touchdown run by Polhemus was called back on a clipping penalty, their best drive of the second half stalled, and a punt pinned Andover deep in their own territory with about 7 minutes to go in the game. Mixing some key runs by Kyle Murphy with several passes to his wide receivers and picking up two big first downs on third-and-long scrambles, DeOssie led the PA offense on an 85-yard drive to the Exeter 12.

Unfortunately for the home team, one Exeter defender made a nice play to break up a pass to Simms at the goal line, and two plays later another defender stepped in front of a DeOssie pass for an interception that ended the threat. Fans on both sides were puzzled when Exeter, with timeouts remaining, chose to run only a quarterback sneak and allow the remaining 40 seconds on the clock expire. The first game in Phelps Stadium, the newly-improved PA football facility, turned out to be quite a battle, a struggle leaving both teams slightly frustrated, slightly relieved, and very anxious for the next edition of the longest of high school rivalries.

Picture of the Week

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

One football player got caught in an uncompromising and unflattering position while hiking the football during practice earlier this week. The Varsity team will play Cushing Academy this Saturday at Cushing. The pressure is supposedly on returning quarterback Zak DeOssie '03 to pull off a win this Saturday.

F.Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Coach Leon Modeste has head-knocking, high hopes for the 2002 Andover Football Campaign. Two lineman go all out during a preseason practice session.

From Football to Girls Soccer, the Big Blue Boast Experience

by J.J. Feigenbaum
and Alex Vispoli
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

As this academic year commences, the Varsity teams have already stepped onto the playing fields, ready to take on competitors and beat Exeter later this trimester.

FOOTBALL

Coming off a solid 6-2 campaign last season, the Andover Varsity Football team has its eyes set on bringing home its first New England Championship since 1999. Led by star quarterback Zak DeOssie '03 and a host of talented receivers, the Big Blue look to light up the sky and the scoreboard with their ferocious aerial assault. "We're definitely going to throw the ball up and down the field," exclaimed Head Coach Leon Modeste. "Zak's passes don't need to go far, although he can throw the ball a long way, but rather [our receivers] need to make the first guy miss and gain a lot of yards after the catch."

Much of this season's success depends upon DeOssie's right arm. "We'll go as far as Zak takes us," commented Modeste. DeOssie should have a plentiful cast of characters to hurl the football to, including returning players Tyler Simms '04 and Andy Heighington '03, as well as new recruits Justin Gallagher '03, Lee Rattigan '03, and Matt Augustyn '03. Coming out of the backfield to catch the ball will be halfbacks Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 and Kyle Murphy '03.

Several players from last season's vaunted defense, a defense that posted four shutouts, will return including Dean Boylan '03, Connor Hoesley '04, Nate Malo '03, and Eddie Velez '04. Postgraduates John Combs '03 and Ben Jordan '03 will also contribute to this restocked defense. Combs will face the difficult task of anchoring the defense as the team's middle linebacker.

Despite the positive elements cited, the team does have its share of concerns, notably its depth. "We have no depth," said Modeste. "A big challenge is keeping our big guys fresh, because many of them play [on both offense and defense]. Everyone's going to have to be able to play in every game. At quarterback we have no real backup although Simms could throw the ball if needed."

If the Big Blue can get lucky with injuries and meet their high potential, they should be a favorite for a bowl bid and a New England Championship. "We can't lose two games," explained Modeste. "If you lose two games you get involved in a lot of politics. If you lose one game you have a real good shot at getting into a bowl game. If you go undefeated you automatically earn a bowl bid and that's our goal."

Air Attack from Star QB Zak DeOssie '03 Leads Andover Football in Sat. Scrimmages

by Alex Vispoli
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Andover	0
Deerfield	0
Andover	12
Cushing	0

Boom! It's football season. With the Patriots heating up and continuing last year's success, watching the World Champions hurl around the pigskin is all sports fans are thinking about. What? You say you can't get tickets to see the best team in the NFL at Gillette Stadium? As they say in Jamaica (or at least in the movie "Cool Runnings"), "No problem, mon." The Big Blue's got you covered with what should be an incredibly exciting season. And better yet, you can get into Phelps Stadium for free!

"People say that the start of the school year is when we have the All-School Meeting in the Chapel and Mrs. Chase and the school president welcome us back from summer, but not to me. For me, the start of the school year is when they put those goalposts up." Head Coach Leon Modeste can hardly wait for the first kickoff of the regular season to take place, but he did get to see his team in their first "game-type" action of season last Saturday. The team traveled to Cushing to take on both the Purple People of Ashburnham, MA (no not those purple people) and Deerfield in a pair of scrimmages.

Think of this scrimmage as a preseason game in the NFL, only it is not structured as a game. For a couple of series each team's offense would take on the other team's defense for ten plays and then would play one series in the standard "four down" system. Both the teams would try out their plays against an actual defense with hard hitting and work off the rust from their game.

Andover. first faced off against Deerfield Academy. The scrimmage turned into a defensive battle, as neither team scored a point. Deerfield threatened on their second possession, but missed a 34-yard field goal attempt. In the most exciting play of the scrimmage, during Deerfield's first possession, Tyler Simms '04 intercepted a pass at the PA 25 yard line and ran it back 35 yards down the sideline to the Deerfield 40 yard line. Captain and starting quarterback Zak DeOssie '03 finished the scrimmage 11 for 20 with 135 yards passing.

The second game began with more of the same, as neither team scored through the first three series. Andover final broke

Continued on Page B2, Column 3

J. Wardrop/ *The Phillipian*

Andover's arch-rival Exeter should pose a big threat to the Football team's chances at a bowl bid.

With Stellar Passing Game, Football Will Concentrate its Energies on Run-Defense

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

t open on their second possession when DeOssie completed a 69-yard pass that brought the Blue to the Cushing goal line. After a quick rushing touchdown by the fullback, PA held a 6-0 lead.

The Big Blue offense scored again on their fourth possession, through the air, when DeOssie hit Lee Rattigan '03 with a 31-yard touchdown pass. Andover went on to win the scrimmage by a score of 12-0 and DeOssie finished the day with a combined 17 for 31 for 306 yards and one touchdown. He had a quarterback rating of 99.6. (The quarterback rating is a complicated formula used to measure the efficiency of a quarterback. It takes into account yards per attempt, completion percentage, touchdown percentage, and interception percentage. The average quarterback rating for a NFL quarterback is around 80.0.) Simms also had a big day. In addition to his interception, Simms collected a combined 6 receptions for 116 yards including two catches of 24 yards and one of 35 yards. Kyle Murphy '03 handled most of the running game as well as catching several big passes out of the backfield.

"Zak is amazing as usual, and he had a real fine day. We expected that he would," said Assistant Coach Lou Bernieri. "Murph had a big day too, and that's what we expected out of him as well."

Despite the positives, the team had big reasons for concern too, especially in the run defense. Missed tackles plagued Andover's defense all day, and the team gave up 179 total rushing yards (88 to Deerfield and 91 to Cushing). The pass defense however, played very well, allowing only one total pass completion in the two scrimmages. "Not all the players on our run defense are in place yet," stated Modeste. "We need to work on our weak side linebacker and up the middle run stopping. We had people missing, like Colin Fair '03 not playing much or Pat Holkins '04."

"We haven't really worked on it a lot," admitted Bernieri. "We definitely have to improve, but all the teams are raw at this time. We haven't had a lot of days to practice and we need to get game experience."

DeOssie felt confident about the offense, in particular, and the team, in general, despite the less than impressive start. "We drove up and down the field and just didn't get into the end zone." He also commented on his new receivers by saying: "I am very confident with all of them. Lee, Matt [Augustyn '03], and Justin [Gallagher '03] looked very good. I have lots of faith in my receivers."

Simms agreed, saying, "The group is good. We have a lot of small and quick guys."

With the scrimmage behind them, the team will begin to prepare for their regular season opener tomorrow at Loomis. "A great thing about these scrimmages is that we came out healthy," said Modeste. "The absolute, absolute key for us this season is staying healthy and being able to work with our trainers when we occasionally get banged up. [For the Loomis game] we are going to throw, throw, and throw some more and then run a little bit. Justin and Money Simms are ready. We are all ready."

The offense will have to prepare for a confusing Loomis defense. Loomis plays a modified 4-3 defense, in which one linebacker goes off to cover a receiver, making it more of a 4-2 than a 4-3. The other two linebackers and the secondary play very deep, potentially taking away some deep routes in PA's pass-happy offense. To combat this, the offense has been running plays against a simulated Loomis defense in practice.

The Patriots were just an appetizer for football fans at Andover. The main course is on its way, and it is the Big Blue football team. And if we eat all of our dinner (or for the team, eating up their opponents), then we may get some dessert in the form of a New England Championship. Bon appetít!

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Jon Combs '03 looks on as his teammate applies a stranglehold to Choate's #9 in Saturday's win over Choate.

Resilient Blue Explode for 28 4th-Quarter Points; Football to Face NE Champs Kent

by Alex Vispoli
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Andover	42
Choate	7

F.Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Kyle Murphy '03 hits the hole created by Matt Augustyn '03 (#34), picking a few of his 118 yards rushing in Saturday's romping of Choate.

The Big Blue got back to their winning ways, taming the Wild Boars of Choate Rosemary Hall (0-3-0) in Choate's regular season home opener with 28 fourth quarter points to secure the team's second win of the season. Kyle Murphy '03 picked up 153 all-purpose yards and 118 rushing, as he led Andover (2-1-0) past their Connecticut rival.

Entering the game, PA knew that Choate played a ball control offense, and they try to wear out defenses by turning short gains into excruciatingly long drives. The Choate team would be content with simply averaging around 3.5 yards per play and eventually earning a first down. To combat this, Andover sought to control the clock via the run. This idea was executed superbly in the win last weekend.

On the opening play of their first possession, the Boars turned the ball over deep in their own territory. Andover capitalized on the miscue with a two-yard rushing touchdown from captain and quarterback extraordinaire Zak DeOssie '03. After a failed two-point conversion, PA held an early 6-0 lead.

The lead would be short-lived. On the Blue's next possession, following a Choate punt, Andover quickly fumbled the ball away, giving the Wild Boars excellent field position. Choate scored on a 20-yard screen pass and took the lead with a successful extra point, 7-6.

The Big Blue responded in the second quarter when DeOssie fired an eight-yard touchdown strike to Justin Gallagher '03, giving Andover a 12-7 lead. Andover's lead grew on a bizarre special teams play later in the first half. As Phillips stifled another Choate drive, the Boar punter was set to receive the snap back at his own goal line. The snap, however, bounced away from the punter. As Murphy closed in on the loose ball, the punter smartly kicked the ball out of the back of the end zone, giving PA a safety and a 14-7 lead. Pursuing the punter and being the closest defender to the ball allowed Murphy to get credit for the safety.

After Choate's initial touchdown in the first quarter, Andover's defense dominated, refusing to allow the Wild Boars to put up points for the remainder of the game. Phillips' defense held Choate to under 100 yards total offense for the entire game.

Continued on Page B6, Column 1

(Continued)

Dominant D Beats Boars While Murphy Marches Through CRH

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

Both teams were dormant in the third quarter, with neither team finishing off a drive for points. In the fourth quarter, however, it was all Andove; the boys scored four touchdowns, three on the ground. Murphy scored on a 20-yard touchdown pass from DeOssie. Lee Rattigan '03 hit pay dirt twice on the ground, including a 25-yard sprint to the end zone. Connor Hoesley '04 also put the ball in the end zone, scoring on a 2-yard TD dive. By the time the clock hit triple-zero, Phillips Academy had put up a big 42 on the scoreboard, taking home a 42-7 victory. The game had a vastly different outcome from the previous week's blowout loss to Hotchkiss. Also last weekend, Hotchkiss lost to Deerfield Academy 20-15. Andover will square off against the Big Green in two weeks.

The Big Blue has thrived in the fourth quarter, scoring 41 of their 98 points this season in that period while giving up just seven points. The third quarter, however, has been a different story, as Phillips has been outscored 36-8, and again struggled to score in the third on Saturday.

On defense, the PA forced six turnovers and Hoesley led the team in tackles with ten. Postgraduates Jon Combs '03 and Matt Augustyn '03 had nine and eight tackles, respectively. Gallagher, Murphy, and Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 each had interceptions and Nick Barber '03, Ben Stone '04, and Nate Malo '03 all had fumble recoveries. The game was the team's first with their newly adjusted 5-2 defense and it proved to be successful. The team will integrate both the new defense and the 4-3 that they played in their first two games to allow flexibility and the strategic edge, giving their opponents new looks. "We think so much of our outstanding secondary that we felt that we could add another man to the line," said linebacker and halfback Derrick Kuan '04.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Big Blue Football defeated Choate Rosemary Hall in last Saturday's blowout victory.

But the game belonged to Murphy, whose day consisted of 153 all-purpose yards (118 yards rushing, 35 yards receiving), one touchdown catch, an interception, a blocked punt, and a safety. "It was really important that we have a good running game," said DeOssie. "Kyle's capable of doing that every game. This was his coming out game." "It is important to have a good balance on offense," stated a humble Murphy. "The offensive line had an awesome game, they hardly missed any blocks all day."

"We controlled the ball really well," said Head Coach Leon Modeste. "Our offense was much more balanced because we were able to run. It's easier to [control the game tempo and dictate play] when you are ahead because your opponent doesn't know what to expect from you."

Murphy, who averaged just under six yards per rush, was aided in Andover's rushing attack by the speedy Rattigan with chipped in 59 yards rushing on nine carries, scored two rushing touchdowns, and hauled in two receptions for 26 yards. "We worked to get them involved more in the game plan, not just in the passing game," stated Modeste. "[Rattigan] has such good speed and we wanted to utilize it more."

Despite the high margin of victory, the game was too close for comfort until PA broke it open in the fourth quarter. "It took us until the fourth quarter before everyone started clicking," said Modeste. "It was frustrating [through much of the game], but we eventually got over the hump."

Tomorrow Andover takes on defending New England Champion Kent, a team PA lost to last season 31-20 in Connecticut. Kent is 3-0-0 including a 38-12 victory over the Wild Boars on September 21st and a tight 38-32 victory last week over Avon Old Farms. Last season's loss to Kent could be attributed to the Big Blue's inability to prevent the big play on both sides of the ball. "We were always playing catch up," explained Modeste. The team plans to combat this by playing a ball control game, although not necessarily just running the ball, and has been working on their red zone offense. "Our passing game's got to beat them and we need our defense to knock them around the field," explained DeOssie.

Tomorrow's contest marks the biggest game of the season, and it will be a good measuring stick for the Big Blue to find out where they are among the elite teams of New England.

Big Blue Forced to Regroup after Disappointing Loss; Undefeated Deerfield Looms Large for Parents Weekend

by Alex Vispoli
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

N.M.H.	19
Andover	15

No matter who you are, losses are always tough to live with. For the Andover's Varsity Football team, they don't get much tougher than this. For a team that started the season with high expectations, last week's loss to the Northfield Mount Hermon Hoggers (3-2-0) was hugely disappointing, as the Big Blue saw their record drop to 2-3, despite a valiant effort by all team members. The loss fell especially hard on Captain and quarterback Zak DeOssie '03, as his five interceptions allowed NMH to stay in the game and keep their hopes alive. To DeOssie's credit, not all of the picks were his fault, as he watched three passes tipped by his receivers and then gobbled up by the Hogger secondary.

Playing on NMH's first annual "Home Day," the Big Blue were gracious guests, giving Northfield the ball early and often. The first of the turnovers came on the team's third play when a pass tipped off Tyler Simms' '04 hands and caught by a Northfield defenseman near midfield with 10:30 left in the first quarter. After an unsuccessful fourth down conversion by the Hoggers, Andover marched the ball 84 yards downfield for a touchdown, the score coming on 44-yard run to the outside by tailback/wide receiver Lee Rattigan '03 at 4:39. New place-kicker Hobie Boeschenstein '04 tacked on the extra-point to give PA a 7-0 lead.

Northfield picked off three more DeOssie passes in the second quarter, one of them translating into points. On a second down and three, DeOssie fired a pass to a diving Simms that was bobbled and then tipped off of his foot when a NMH defender seized control of the pigskin for an interception. NMH took the drove the ball 24 yards and scored on a two-yard quarterback sneak into the end zone. The PAT was unsuccessful as PA still held a 7-6 lead. With four first half interceptions, the Andover offense couldn't take advantage of excellent performances from running backs Kyle Murphy '03 and Rattigan , who ran for 64 and 68 yards in the first half, respectively.

On their second possession of the third quarter, NMH struck again for six after a 2:26, 40-yard drive that was capped by a six-yard TD pass to FB William Strouse. The touchdown gave the Hoggers a 12-7 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Andover struck back two series later with a 7-play, 68-yard drive of their own, eating up over three minutes of clock. After running the ball six straight times, Andover found themselves in a third down and twelve situation and DeOssie made his finest play of the game. DeOssie shook off a Hogger lineman who was wrapped around the quarterback's ankles and delivered a strike to a streaking Simms who glided into the end zone. DeOssie then ran in the football for two points, giving PA a slim 15-12 lead.

After regaining possession of the ball with 6:57 remaining in the fourth, the Big Blue could not run out the clock, going three-and-out. NMH received the football with 4:48 remaining in regulation at the Andover 43-yardline. After three plays, the Hoggers faced a fourth and six at the PA 39. Phillips needed to simply prevent NMH from picking up six yards and the game would essentially be theirs. Northfield's will proved to be stronger, as they completed a 7-yard pass for a first down. Two plays later, NMH QB Sean Hurley '03 tossed a perfect pass just over the head of PA cornerback Justin Gallagher '03 and into the arms of NMH WR Mike Malone '03 at 2:00. An extra-point later and the score was 19-15 Northfield.

When PA got the ball back they faced a situation where they needed to move the hall 70 yards in just 1:49. Zak DeOssie's fifth interception couldn't have come at a more crucial time, as he under threw a pass intended for Simms that was picked off at the 31 yard line. A weak side linebacker had rushed in untouched and forced DeOssie to unload the ball quickly off of his back foot. That proved to be the final nail in the coffin, as NMH ran out the next 1:38.

The loss, which was the team's third in their last four games, left the Big Blue frustrated. "This was a really disappointing loss for us," commented LB Nate Malo '03. We felt that we were really the better team, even after it ended."

"The team was really upset," agreed DeOssie. "This loss was a killer." Gallagher also shared in his discontent: "The other team was quick; they flew like a butterfly and stung like a bee."

DeOssie made up for his poor offensive performance with some excellent defensive plays, making 10 tackles including one that saved a touchdown.

Head Coach Leon Modeste, realizing that many of the mistakes his team made were due to fatigue, decided that he needed to make some changes in regards to the amount of playing time his players were getting. "The whole league has changed," said Modeste. "It used to he that you could play eight guys or so [on both offense and defense], but now too many teams like the Northfields of the world are using two separate units. If you have a bunch of guys playing both ways, they're going to get worn down over the course of a game and a season."

The team's walking wounded now appears that they could form their own squad, as the team will look for individuals to step up and perform at a high level. Colin Fair '03 and Ben Jordan are out for this weekend's game against Deerfield as Patrick Holkins '04, Adjatay Nyadjroh '03, and DeOssie are each banged up with nagging injuries. To help add more depth to the squad, Modeste has called up Evan Platt '06, Dave Carson '05, and Matt Ward '06 from the JV team. "We lost a couple of valuable players and the younger guys are really going to have to step up and play with great technique," said Malo.

One of the positive developments that has emerged from last two games has been the establishment has Boeschenstein as the team's place-kicker. "[Hobie] has a very nice, live leg," stated Modeste. "We are very confident with him kicking the ball. In practice we are starting to back it up for him to attempt field goals, and now we can have confidence in him if we need him to make a mid-range field goal."

This week the team looks to derail Deerfield Academy at home tomorrow on Parents' Weekend. Deerfield is 5-0-0 and is coming off of a 12-7 victory at Phillips Exeter Academy (4-1-0). The team will face the difficult task of stopping the Big Green's potent running attack. At 2-3-0, the Big Blue hopes to play the role of spoiler and ruin DA's chances for a bowl bid and/or an undefeated season as well as gain some much-needed confidence.

F.Wang/*The Phillipian*

Kyle Murphy '03 jukes an N.M.H. linebacker.

PA Football Falls Just Short to Undefeated Deerfield; Late Game Rally Not Enough

by Alex Vispoli
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Deerfield	14
Andover	8

No matter who you are, when you step in front of a steaming locomotive, you're going to get hit. Last weekend Andover's Varsity Football team ran into the Deerfield Express, an undefeated team who had just come off a 12-win at Exeter the previous week. A spirited effort from the Phillips squad unfortunately wasn't quite enough to make the Big Green slam on the brakes. The Big Blue, the hometown team, suffered a 14-8 loss.

Both teams had to deal with poor turf conditions as the monsoon-like rain that had started early in the morning made the muddy field look like a scene out of "Star Wars'" Dagobah swamp. (You know, where Yoda lives.) The game got off on the wrong foot for the Blue, as Captain Zak DeOssie '03, who has been playing with a jammed thumb for the last month, fumbled at his own 27 yard-line while rolling to the outside on Andover's first play from scrimmage. Two minutes and three plays later, Deerfield took it to the house for six, scoring on a 16-yards quarterback draw. Less than three minutes into the game, the Big Green held a 7-0 lead.

The remainder of the first half was a defensive struggle, as neither team could light up the scoreboard. Both squads served themselves up a healthy dose of running plays, as throwing and catching the football was difficult due to the wet weather.

After receiving the ball at the start of the second half, Deerfield appeared as if they had awoken from their first half offensive slumber. Seven straight running plays followed by an eight-yard pass propelled DA from their own 37 to Andover's 32. However on a fourth down and four, PA's defense made a huge stop, denying the first down after a three-yard run.

Andover looked to keep the momentum, but just two plays later, DeOssie fumbled again, this time also on a run to the outside. Fortunately for the Big Blue, the turnover didn't lead to more Deerfield points like the previous one had as the Big Green went three-and-out. When PA regained possession, they looked to cut into the Deerfield lead. Their mission was unsuccessful, as DeOssie threw his second interception of the game on a pass intended for Tyler Simms '04. Instead, a diving DA defensive back took advantage of an under thrown pass and picked it off at Andover's 30 with 30 seconds left in the third quarter.

This time, PA's defense wouldn't be as steadfast, as they surrendered a 1-yard rushing touchdown after a nine-play drive gobbled up 4 minutes and 47 seconds of valuable clock time. With the extra-point, Deerfield held a 14-0 lead with just 7:47 remaining in the fourth quarter.

After taking over possession on their own 36-yard line, Andover began their most productive drive of the afternoon. The drive's longest gain came on a beautiful 33-yard pass completion from DeOssie to Rory Gallagher '03. Two plays later came a six-yard touchdown pass to Simms. Andover then opted to attempt a two-point conversion that would narrow Deerfield's lead to six. The gamble was successful as Simms caught the short pass, cutting into the Big Green lead 14-8.

Andover's defense then came up with another impressive series, forcing DA to punt after three plays. Those three plays, though, ate up over two minutes of the clock. When PA took over at their own 29, a big drive was needed for the Big Blue to come away with a victory. This, however, wasn't in the cards for Phillips, as the team couldn't manage to pick up the first down and turned the ball over, clinching the game for the undefeated visitors.

F.Wang/*The Phillipian*

Kyle Murphy '03 powers thrnugh a Deerfield linebacker during Saturday's match against Deerfield.

After the game, Head Coach Leon Modeste had nothing but praise for the Big Green. "I don't see anyone beating them in the regular season. They are a good club, and that was one of the best high school football games I've ever seen."

Despite the disappointing outcome, Andover held their heads up high, knowing that they gave it their all against a very good football team. "It was a strong effort, we gave it everything we had, we just didn't come out with the 'W'," stated right guard, Pat Holkins '04. Uzoma Iheagwara '04 agreed, saying, "We played our hearts out, even under the extreme conditions."

Modeste added, "That was the best game we played as far as execution and effort. We just made too many mistakes, including turnovers and dropped passes. The effort never stopped. We played an undefeated team and we were right there with them."

Tomorrow Andover will travel to Tabor for a match-up against the 5-1 team. One of the keys for Andover to have success will be controlling the football and not allowing Tabor to confuse PA with their multiple offensive sets.

The team looks to play with great intensity in their final two games. "In these next two games, we're going to come out with a fury and show people what we're made of," stated Iheagwara.

Inside The Phillipian

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Playing in his last high school football game, Captain Zak DeOssie '03 edges by an Exeter opponent during one of his many drives this past Saturday. See article on B1.

Despite Admirable Closing Drive, Football Ties Exeter

by Alex Vispoli
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Andover	14
Exeter	14

Although the majority of screaming fans did not think it was possible, this year's awaited Andover-Exeter football game ended in an anticlimactic tie with fourteen points on each side of the scoreboard.

Last Saturday, Andover-Exeter fans were treated to a football rarity, a decision-less game, a contest without conclusion, a tie. A game that goes into overtime is not an uncommon thing, but fans at Saturday's game were left scratching their heads as to why the match didn't continue into OT. There was no golden goal, no extra innings, no sudden death overtime. Instead there were two sweat-drenched football squads marching off the field, both able to hold their heads up high after one of the most entertaining games one could watch reached a somewhat unfulfilled conclusion.

Phelps Stadium filled up early last Saturday, as fans from both schools eagerly awaited the historical 125th anniversary of the first meeting between the two rivals. Exeter (5-2-1) came into the game as the favorites, boasting a 5-2 record and looking to avenge the 48-15 beating they had taken the previous year.

Andover received the football first but was unable to pick up anything more than one first down and had to punt. After picking up a first down of their own, Exeter was unable move the ball past their 48 yard-line. Just as the ball was punted, a charging Zak DeOssie '03 sprinted in from the right side and blocked the attempt. Andover's Edwin Velez '04 recovered the football, giving PA possession at Exeter's 43 yard-line.

On the ensuing drive, DeOssie came out like a house on fire, completing three straight passes for 31 yards including a 10-yard touchdown strike to WR Justin Gallagher '03. After a failed two point conversion, PA led 6-0 with 2:13 left in the first quarter. The Andover offensive juggernaut looked to continue their success on their subsequent possession, driving to PEA's 39 yard-line. The drive stalled after an incomplete screen pass attempt was ruled a fumbled lateral and recovered by Gallagher after losing 16 yards. Shortly after the Big Blue was forced to punt.

Exeter now held possession, and on their second play, Big Red running back Gennaro Leo '03 sprung loose for an 84-yard run to the house, giving PEA their first score. The PAT gave Exeter a 7-6 lead with 8:50 remaining in the second quarter.

Two series later PEA regained possession at Andover's 32 yard-line after a poor punt totaled a 13-yard net-gain. After scoring for a second time and earning an extra-point, PEA held a 14-6 lead.

In Andover's first possession of the second half, DB Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 recovered a fumble and was brought down to the PA 47. DeOssie led a frantic two-minute drill and brought the football down to the Exeter 10 with nine seconds remaining in the half. The Blue were unable to capitalize when an incomplete pass and a zero-yard pass forced PA to head into the locker room down 14-6 with 24 minutes of football still to play.

Continued on Page B3, Column 4

Big Blue Football Leaves Arch-Rival Exeter Frustrated with Tie

Continued from Page B1, Column 3

After the Andover defense forced Exeter to go three-and-out, the offense secured good field position after the PEA punt. DeOssie completed 7 of 8 passes for 63 yards including a 15-yard TD toss to a leaping Tyler Simms '04 in the back-corner of the end zone. On the day Simms finished with 11 receptions for 123 yards and the touchdown. Andover opted to attempt the two-point conversion once more and this time was able to convert on a QB scramble over the goal-line, tying the game at 14 with 6:59 left in the third.

Hobie Boeschenstein's '04 kick was fortunately not handled by PEA and was recovered by Cotton Harrold '04 at the Big Red's 37 yard-line. PA drove the ball down inside the Exeter 10 when they faced a fourth and three at the PEA 4. Looking to take the lead, the field goal unit came onto the field for the first time all season to attempt a 22-yard field goal with the angle to the right. A poor snap put off Boeschenstein's timing as the kick was well short of the goal-post.

After an Exeter punt in the fourth quarter gave Andover their second and final possession with 8:13 remaining in regulation. On the first play, DeOssie was sacked back at his own 4, giving PA a 3rd and 18 a play later. The drive continued along as DeOssie almost single handedly kept the chains moving, rushing for 49 yards and passing for 22. Andover faced a second and ten at Exeter's 12 yard-line when the unthinkable happened. After DeOssie had led his team so confidently down the field nearly 80 yards, an Exeter defender stepped in front of Simms and intercepted the ball, returning it to Exeter's 14. Peculiarly, Exeter decided to execute one play in the final 38 seconds, a run up the middle, and take the 14-14 tie. Exeter Head Coach Bill Glennon defended his decision not to make a more concerted try for the end zone, saying, "We went into our spread formation on that play and in hopes that [Andover Head] Coach Modeste would go into a prevent defense and ran our QB smash. It is usually one of the first plays that we run when we get into our spread. The ball was also on the 10 yard line and in no way did we want a turnover at this point. I was hoping to pick up 15-20 yards, get some field position, then try for the end zone one time."

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 came up huge on Saturday, recovering an Exeter fumble.

As the clock struck triple-zero, the Andover players, beginning to prepare themselves for overtime, were stunned to hear that no extra period was to be played. "We were all disappointed and shocked," uttered DeOssie, who finished 27 of 38 for 225 yards with 2 TD's and 2 picks as well as 72 rushing yards.

There is an unwritten rule in the Andover-Exeter football rivalry that does not allow for overtime to be played. "It's just tradition," stated Modeste. "[Glennon] and I talked about it during the season and again earlier in the week and we agreed that there would be no overtime played."

Saturday's game was the tenth tie in the Andover/Exeter series; a series PA leads 65-47 with the 10 ties. The series' last tie came eight years ago in 1994 when both teams were knotted at 20. Coming into the game, Exeter was highly favored. This left the tie feeling more like a win to Modeste. "I'm proud of my kids. I've been on both sides of a tie when we were the ones who were favored in '94 [and now this past game]."

So as fans filed out of the newly dedicated Phelps Stadium confused over the game's outcome, the team was able to look upon the 14-14 finish to a 3-4-1 season as a success.

NOTES:

-On Monday, the squad chose their captains for next season and they are: Connor Hoesley and Tyler Simms.

-If you thought one tie is a rare thing, then two in one weekend is just amazing. The Pittsburg Steelers and Atlanta Falcons tied 34-34 at Heinz Field on Sunday. It was the NFL's first tie since 1997.

SPORT:__Boys Soccer __

YEAR:__2002-2003___

CAPTAIN: Tony Pucillo, Nick Franchot

MANAGER: Jennifer Akor, Brittany Kaiser

COACH: Kevin Cardozo, Will Hench, Bill Scott

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON___9___LOST____3____TIED___2_____

Letter Winner

McManus, Brendan
Scott, Nathan
Bush-Brown, Spencer
Franchot, Nicholas
Hynes, Carey
King, Knef
Pucillo, Anthony
Sheldon, David
Smellie, Matthew
Vale, Brent
Echave, Igor
Maqubela, Sikanyiselwe
Maqubela, Pumelele
Lepke, Kirk
Spiak, Michael
Russell, Stephen
Thompson, Edward
Wu, Justin

Boys Soccer

			PA	OPP
Wed. 9/11/2002	(A)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH (scrimmage)	1	1
Sat. 9/14/2002	(A)	ST. PAUL'S		
Wed. 9/18/2002	(H)	BROOKS	2	4
Sat. 9/21/2002	(A)	LOOMIS	0	2
Wed. 9/25/2002	(H)	HOLDERNESS	0	2
Sat. 9/28/2002	(H)	TABOR	4	0
Tues. 10/1/2002	(H)	ST. JOHN'S PREP	2	1
Sat. 10/5/2002	(A)	CHOATE	1	1
Wed. 10/9/2002	(A)	BEAVER COUNTRY DAY	4	0
Sat. 10/12/2002	(H)	BRIDGTON ACADEMY	1	1
Wed. 10/16/2002	(A)	HARVARD	cancelled	
Sat. 10/19/2002	(A)	N.M.H.	1	0
Wed. 10/23/2002	(H)	CUSHING	4	0
Sat. 10/26/2002	(H)	DEERFIELD	1	0
Wed. 10/30/2002	(A)	MOSES BROWN	7	1
Sun. 11/3/2002	(A)	DARTMOUTH JV	cancelled	
Wed. 11/6/2002	(A)	NEW HAMPTON	3	0
Sat. 11/9/2002	(H)	EXETER	4	0

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts
Soccer Boys – Varsity
2002

NO.	NAME	POSITION	YEAR	HOMETOWN
11	Spencer Bush-Brown	Forward	03	Dedham, Massachusetts
6	Igor Echave	Back	03	Eibar, SPAIN
7	Nick Franchot	Midfield	03	Takoma Park, Maryland
9	Carey Hynes	Back	04	Chicago, Illinois
13	Kirk Lepke	Midfield	04	North Andover, Massachusetts
12	Knef King	Back	04	South Bend, Indiana
8	Kanyi Maqubela	Midfield	03	Andover, Massachusetts
17	Pumi Maqubela	Midfield	06	Andover, Massachusetts
1	Brendan McManus	Goal	05	North Andover, Massachusetts
10	Tony Pucillo	Forward	03	Alpharetta, Georgia
14	Steven Russell	Back	04	Andover, Massachusetts
3	Nate Scott	Midfield	05	Andover, Massachusetts
2	David Sheldon	Back	04	Andover, Massachusetts
5	Matthew Smellie	Back	03	Kingston, Jamaica
18	Michael Spiak	Forward	06	Acton, Massachusetts
4	TJ Thompson	Midfield	06	Atkinson, NH
19	Brent Vale	Back	04	San Jose. California
21	Justin Wu	Midfield	06	Concord, Massachusetts

Captains: Tony Pucillo, Nick Franchot
Coaches: Kevin Cardozo, Will Hench, Bill Scott
Managers: Jennifer Akor , Brittany Kaiser

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Manager: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller, M.D.

Despite Snowy Conditions, Penguins Are No Match
For Boys Soccer Team
Phillips Academy (5-3-2) 2 2 - 4
Cushing Academy (4-5-1) 0 0 - 0
The Big Blue boys' soccer team had another impressive outing by dispatching Cushing 4-0 on a cold and blustery day in Andover. In the first fifteen minutes, the game was an end-to-end affair with Cushing forcing play into the Andover end on numerous occasions. In time, the Andover midfield crew of Igor Echave (Senior, Eibar, SPAIN), Pumi Maqubela (Junior, Andover, MA), Nate Scott (Lower, Andover, MA), David Sheldon (Upper, Andover, MA), and Justin Wu (Junior, Concord, MA) took control of the play and began to play dangerous balls forward to the Andover forwards. But the Cushing defense held firm until late in the first half when Knef King (Upper, South Bend, IN) found some room down the left flank. Knef made his way toward the endline before serving a perfect ball to Kirk Lepke who headed the ball home from close range. This was Kirk's third goal of the year and it put the Big Blue ahead for good. Minutes later, Carey Hynes served up a perfect corner kick to the near post where Capt. Nick Franchot (Senior, Takoma Park, MD) headed it firmly into the back of the net just below the crossbar. This put the score at 2-0 as time expired in the first half. After intermission, the Andover boys took more control of the game as most of the action was in the Cushing end. In the 61st minute, ninth grade scoring ace Michael Spiak (Junior, Acton, MA) stripped the Cushing goalie and then slotted the ball home from a sharp angle. This was Michael's fifth goal of the year. The final Andover tally came from the penalty spot after Kirk Lepke was tackled from behind. Nick Franchot put the ball down and then slammed it in from the penalty spot. With this goal, Nick matched Michael Spiak in goals, as it was his fifth on the season as well. Up next is a Parents' Day clash against a very strong Deerfield team. The Saturday afternoon home match is scheduled to tip-off at 1:45 PM.

Andover Scoring: Kirk Lepke 34th min. (Knef King), Nick Franchot 38th min. (Carey Hynes), Michael Spiak 61st min., Nick Franchot 80th min. (PK)
Andover Saves: Brendan McManus 2

Eight Phillips Varsity Athletic Teams Prepare for their Fall 2002 Campaigns; Both Cross-Country Teams Look to Attack Exeter

BOYS SOCCER

The 2002 Boys Varsity Soccer squad will have a challenging season ahead of them with only seven returning lettermen from a 7-6-1 campaign in 2001. Much will depend on the performance and leadership of co-captains Nick Franchot '03 and Anthony Pucillo '03. Returning to the team with Franchot and Pucillo will be forwards Spencer Bush-Brown '03 and Kirk Lepke '04, and defensemen starters Matthew Smellie '03, David Sheldon '04. and Carey Hynes '04.

With so many spots open it is expected that many players on the JV teams will be moved up and greatly contribute to the Big Blue. In addition to the players that will come through the system, a few postgraduates will be added to the team including a student who played on the Real Sociedad professional football club in Spain.

One of the team's glaring weaknesses, besides inexperience, is the keeper position. "We are weak in goalie," explained Franchot. "We haven't had a real steady goalie in the last couple of years so that will be a gap that needs to be filled." Another weakness for the team may be scoring, seeing that last year's graduating seniors scored 25 of the team's 40 goals last season.

If the team can find the right pieces to the puzzle and mold them around the current players, the Big Blue may end up having an excellent season. "This season's success all depends on how we mesh in the beginning," said Franchot. "We need to come together at the season's start and become a true team."

BOYS SOCCER WINS THREE OF 6 IN 1ST WEEK

PUCILLO, FRANCHOT LEAD

Four New Freshman Bring Youth, Energy

by Evan McGarvey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	1
Nobles	1
Tournament Record	3-1
Brooks	4
Andover	2

Coming off a disappointing 2001 Varsity Boys Soccer season, with losses to lowly rivals such as Deerfield, the 2002 squad looks to bounce back and improve upon their mediocre 7-6-1 record of last year. A core of long-time starters combined with a group of fresh-faced youths look to propel PA back into contention for the New England Championship.

Seniors Tony Pucillo '03and Nick Franchot '03 lead the team as both returning

Roast Beef
Ham & Cheese
Fries & Med. Soda $ 4.5
Chips & Med. Soda $3.95
Subs $ 3.35
Room Super Subs

DOM

Next, the Big Blue look on

Boys Soccer Falls to Brooks, 4-1

Continued from Page B1, Column 4

mage against ISL power Nobles last Wednesday. After ninety minutes the score was a 1-1 draw. The scrimmage exposed many of the strengths and shortcomings of the team. First and foremost on the list of observations has to be the strength of this year's recruiting class. In the lone PA goal, Kirk Lepke dribbled down the right flank, managed to evade numerous Nobles defenders and sent a perfect low cross into the streaking feet of Justin Wu. Wu easily buried the shot with an unseen maturity for a player of his age. On the flip side, keeper McManus made some untimely errors that can be attributed to youthful inexperience. All in all, the brightest-shining players on the field were on defense. The speed of the backs allowed for more aggressive tackling, and their strength offset their average height. Bush-Brown summarized the game as "A solid outing that could have easily been a victory had some calls gone our way."

On Saturday PA traveled up to St.Paul's to take part in a four game tournament against teams in the region. The Big Blue had a strong tourney record of 3-1, their only loss coming against a college squad, Middlebury's JV. The more physical Middlebury dominated he Big Blue. Despite the loss, PA easily dispatched its other opponents: K.U.A, St.Paul's, and Stanstead College.

The first twenty minutes of the game were spent uneventfully as each team attempted to feel the other team out and test for weaknesses. Unlikely shots were repelled with ease by both keepers, and the ball seemed to spend most its time a midfield. However, at 21:30 remaining in the half a Brooks striker received a long ball and ripped a shot past McManus. McManus, showing the grit beneath his calm exterior, made a number of impressive saves. Sadly, Brooks struck again with just five minutes remaining and increased the lead.

With their spirits slowly being crushed by Brooks' growing lead, Andover played uninspired ball in the first minutes of the second half. Brooks effortlessly widened their lead to 4-0, and the fans could see the game slipping out of PA's hands.

Upset with their play, the Big Blue began to respond. After a dramatic push forward led by the midfield and a dramatic cross from Bush-Brown, Mike Spiak '06 showed just why he is so touted, burying a rebound in front of the net. The drought had been broken. Now that they had the momentum, PA seemed to play with a refreshing intensity. Balls were sprinted for. men were marked, and a sense of group energy finally seemed to flow. With just minutes remaining, all of Tony Pucillo's efforts came to fruition as he slammed home a ball in front, past a flailing keeper to bring Andover within 2 goals. Alas, it was too little, too late, and Andover had to settle for future hope, and not a concrete victory, as Brooks defeated PA, 4-2.

This Saturday, Andover makes the trek to Connecticut to face a highly skilled Loomis-Chaffee squad.

Lepke '04 Lights up Scoreboard; Blue Soccer Skins the Beavers

by Evan McGarvey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	1
Choate	1
Andover	4
Beaver CD	0

After an undefeated week, highlighted by a four goal offensive explosion on Wednesday, Andover Soccer looks to be back on track. The Wild Boars of Choate played host to the Big Blue Saturday afternoon. Andover played a hard fought game to tie Choate 1-1. On Wednesday, Andover traveled to play against Beaver Country Day. Andover defeated BCD easily, 4-0.

The first half of play against the Wild Boars saw an even battle until Choate's offense managed to produce a two on one against keeper Brendan McManus '05. Despite McManus's valiant efforts, a Choate midfielder booted the ball into the net, giving the Boars a first half one-goal lead. Andover's best scoring chance in the first half came from a Carey Hynes '04 free kick, a shot that looked to net bound until the Choate keeper managed to make a save.

In the second half, McManus faced numerous breakaways from Choate's attack, but all of Choate's shots went wide of the posts. Though depleted by injuries, Andover's field players had a solid game. Igor Echave '03 and Justin Wu '06 both had productive and successful days at midfield, creating offensive chances and displaying good ball possession.

F.Wang/*The Phillipian*

Igor Echave '03 winds up to kick the ball.

After a long drive up the right side in the 72nd minute, Andover got a corner kick. Fullback and corner kick specialist Hynes took the kick and set the ball flying to the far end of the box. Amid the confusion of tangled bodies, Kirk Lepke '04 got his head on the ball and sent it to the back of the net. In the waning moments of the game, both sides produced exciting chances though none led to goals. Andover had hoped for a win, but the tie was a hard-fought and deserving one.

Against their next opponent, Beaver Country Day, PA fared much better. The Wednesday away game proved to be an easy one for the Big Blue as they cruised to victory, 4-0, against BCD. The scoring started early, as Dave Sheldon '04 smacked a left-footed volley over the BCD keeper from twenty yards out during the first half.

During the second half, Mike Spiak '06 scored the first of his two goal for the day. Kirk Lepke '04, coming off a Choate game in which he scored his first career goal, netted another score on a shot from twenty five yards out that tailed around the BCD keeper and into the net. Later in the half, Spiak blasted in his second goal of the day, as he finished a low cross from Captain Tony Pucillo '03.

Beaver Country Day's team never really posed a threat to PA. Even their much-hyped central defender played a sluggish game... "He didn't even seem to care [about the game.]" remarked Knef King '04.

King had a very strong game playing in the back four. Another player deserving of praise is defender Matt Smellie '03. Smellie anchored the defense and even carried the ball from 18-yard line to 18-yard line, eventually taking a shot the BCD keeper barely saved.

The soccer team has not lost a game in two weeks and all signs point to the trend continuing. Despite a number of injuries to key players in recent days, each member of the team has stepped up and played great soccer. The team is now 3-3-1 and a third of the way through the season. With the team back on track, Andover should look to pick up some major wins in the weeks ahead.

On Saturday the all PG Bridgeton Academy comes to Andover, as the Big Blue look to continue their unbeaten streak.

Athlete Of The Week

Nick Franchot '03

"Nick has an understanding of the game that simply surpasses that of anyone else on the team."

—Co-Captain Tony Pucillo '03

by Kristina Chang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Having tied two of the past three games, the Big Blue Boys' soccer team was out for revenge. Facing an equally talented Hoggers team, the Blue knew the task ahead was going to prove tough. The Andover team would need a special jolt for this one. This jolt came in the form of Co-Captain Nick Franchot '03. In the eleventh minute, from a cross over pass sent by Carey Hynes '04, Franchot volleyed the ball right into the goal to bring the score to 1-0. Franchot's precision goal and stellar all-around play gave the Andover team exactly what they needed to execute a 1-0 victory over NMH.

Coach Bill Scott called Franchot the best player on the field last Saturday. His outstanding play, however, has been by no means limited to last week's game. Franchot is a three year Varsity starter. For his outstanding play last weekend, Nick is this week's Athlete of the Week.

The most impressive part of Franchot's play is the fact that he is just recovering from hip surgery that he had this past August. While doctors had hoped for a recovery by mid-October, it was unsure whether Franchot would ever be able to play as well as he had in the past. Franchot commented, "During the seven months that I had problems with my hip, there were times when I thought my soccer career was over." It's an accomplishment in itself that Franchot played for the full game last Saturday. Last Saturday's game was the first all season where Nick had been in perfect condition.

Franchot was more than content with his performance at last Saturday's match against the Hoggers: "It was terrible not being able to play up until now. Last Saturday was the first time I really clicked with the team. The NMH game was so satisfying."

Normally a midfielder, Nick filled in as center forward for Co-Captain Tony Pucillo '03 who was sidelined due to an injury. Franchot's performance not only showcased his skill, but also his versatility.

Raised in Takoma Park, Maryland, Nick began playing soccer when he was eight years old. At the age of twelve, he qualified to play for his state team, which he continued to play on until he arrived at Andover as a new Lower. Nick attributed his success in large part to his coach during these years, Cameroonian standout Sona Walla.

During his two years playing for Sidwell Friends School in Washington DC, he was a varsity starter leading the team to two undefeated seasons. In addition to playing soccer for his local high school, Nick also played for the Olympic Development team, which recruits the best state team players from Virginia to Maine.

When he arrived at Andover as a new Lower, Nick immediately earned a spot on the starting line-up. While playing with the PA squad, Franchot also competed with the South Shore United Blazers. He continued to play for the Blazers, who are ranked number one in the nation, with last years' Captain and current Stanford standout Bronson McDonald '02. Franchot cited McDonald and 2001 Captain Scott Darci, now playing at Dartmouth, as his inspirations. Like McDonald and Darci, Franchot plans to play for a DI school next year.

In addition to a decorated career in the United States, Franchot has been invited numerous times to play with AC Milan's professional youth team, as well as Real Sociedad's pro youth squad. AC Milan is Italy's premiere professional squad, while Read Sociedad, the home team of Igor Echave '03, is Spain's best pro team. Franchot has made the trek to Italy three times over the past four years, the third time with former Andover teammate McDonald. Along with McDonald and Coach Scott, Franchot traveled to Italy the summer after his Lower season to play with Real Sociedad.

Nick holds Coach Scott, who has supported him in both his school and club soccer career, in high regard, "Coach Scott has been both a good friend and dedicated coach during my tenure at PA. I am more than honored to be part of his last Senior class [team]."

The respect is mutual as Coach Scott commented, "Nick is a tremendous player and captain. He deeply cares about how the kids on the team are doing. We've been playing far better than I expected, in large part to the leadership from Nick and Tony."

Franchot has also earned the admiration of peers, as Co-Captain Pucillo asserted, "Nick has an understanding of the game that simply surpasses that of anyone else on the team. It's both Franchot's understanding of the game and experience that drives the team to success."

Franchot's leadership, skill, and experience have resulted in the team's undefeated status for the past six games. One thing's sure: Franchot and his innate ability to, according to teammate Pucillo, "make things happen" will be a crucial component for success in the remainder of the Big Blue's season as well as during Franchot's future career.

Cushing Penguins Die Hard in Wednesday Match; Lepke '04 Continues Hot Streak

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Matt Smellie '03 looks to cross the ball in Saturday's victory over N.M.H.

Continued from Page B1, Column 4

Andover began the scoring of the day with a goal,with just over eleven minutes to go in the first half. King drove up the left flank, passed Cushing's defense and swung a high cross into the box. The agile Kirk Lepke '04 weaved his way through the tangle of defenders and headed the ball past the befuddled Cushing goalkeeper. Andover's second goal came just five minutes later, as Hynes threaded a cross into the middle that Franchot promptly deposited in the back of the net. Thanks to a potent offense and stifling defense, Andover headed into the break with a comfortable 2-0 lead.

As the second half of play began, Andover seemed in complete control of the game. With a tough defense protecting a two-goal lead, victory seemed secure. However, the lead just wasn't enough for the Big Blue. They tallied another goal shortly into the half. On a routine offensive challenge, the Cushing keeper misjudged a ball and let it slip past him. Michael Spiak '06 sprinted after the loose ball and drilled it from the left side of the box. With ten minutes left in the half, Big Blue's scoring thirst was still not quenched. Franchot netted his third goal in two games, nailing a penalty kick past the Cushing keeper. Franchot is a prolific taker of penalty kicks, and you would be hard pressed to find a keeper than can stop him when he takes a kick from the stripe.

On the other end, Cushing had no legitimate chance during the second half, thanks to a defense that maintained its hustle despite a cushy lead. Andover's game was an intelligent, well thought out affair, with a powerful injection of emotion. As Andover cruised to victory, Instructor in Chemistry and proud parent of Kanyi and Pumi, Temba Maqubela summed up the goals of the day best, "We use our heads at Phillips Academy." With the offense finding the net and the defense shutting down opponents, it's hard to find someone who would disagree.

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

At left, Brent Vale '04 eyes an oncoming pass. At right, Saturday's star, Co-Captain Nick Franchot '03 moves to steal the ball from an opponent.

Co-Captain Franchot's '03 Goal Catapults Soccer Past N.M.H.

by Evan McGarvey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	1
N.M.H.	0
Andover	4
Cushing	0

Andover Boys' soccer had another winning week, squeaking past NMH on Wednesday 1-0 and cruising to victory against an overmatched Cushing 4-0 this Wednesday. Captain Nick Franchot '03 made his triumphant return from hip injuries, netting three goals on the week.

BOYS' SOCCER

Varsity Soccer made the trek to Northfield, Massachusetts on Saturday to play the Northfield Mount Hermon Hoggers. Thanks to an early goal and tough team defense, Andover grinded out a tough 1-0 victory. Early in the first half, Franchot scored what proved to be the lone goal of the contest. In the eleventh minute, he scooped up the ball amidst a sea of players in the penalty box and shot the ball past the keeper. For the rest of the game, the defense and midfield contained NMH's offense. In fact, they so dominated the opposition that Brendan McManus '05 only saw three shots the entire afternoon, stopping all attempts with ease.

PA's offense, for all its muscle, could not find the net again for the remainder of the contest. The defense managed to protect a slim lead for almost the entire game, playing hard-nosed soccer. Matt Smellie '03, Stephen Russell '04, Knef King '04, and Carey Hynes '04 playing together for only a few games have already formed an imposing defense. Hynes's speed and aggression have crippled every opposing striker in the past few games.

Not to be outdone by their teammates in the back, Big Blue's midfielders all played a gritty and intelligent game. Among the fine performances that day, both Nate Scott '05 and Igor Echave '03 had strong showings at midfield. Despite the slim lead, blue-collar play by the defense allowed to grind out a 1-0 victory.

This Wednesday, the Andover campus woke up to a shocking sight: falling snow. With the campus and playing fields a winter wonderland, the soccer game against Cushing seemed tentative at best. However, as the day progressed the sun beat down on the playing fields, melting the snow as game time approached. The weather proved to be the most demanding opponent Andover faced on Wednesday as PA crushed Cushing Academy four to nothing. Once again it was Captain Franchot leading, as he netted a goal and inspired the offense with his astounding play.

Continued on Page B3, Column 3

PA Boys Soccer Continues Domination With 9 Wins

by Evan McGarvey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	1
Deerfield	0
Andover	7
Moses Brown	1

Call them butter, 'cause they're on a roll. Boys' Soccer kept their unbeaten streak alive this week, beating a tough Deerfield squad on Saturday 1-0 before handily defeating Moses Brown 7-1 on Wednesday.

On a day filled with gusty weather and drenching rains, not even the forces of nature could shake Andover's unflappable defense. Not enough praise can be given to Matt Smellie '03, Knef King '04, Stephen Russell '04 and Carey Hynes '04. After a rash of lineup shuffling due to injuries, this group has come together to prove itself as a truly reliable back four.

During the first half, PA's best scoring chance came off of a shot by Dave Sheldon '04 from the left that just missed the rear post. With the field surface eroding by the minute and fatigue setting in, both teams went into halftime at a 0-0 stalemate.

The second half saw much of the same gritty play until Andover managed to field the ball into Deerfield's end at the 63-minute mark. After a Deerfield defender knocked the ball over his own end line, Hynes took the ensuing corner kick. Hynes' kick from the right flag swerved over the box and onto the waiting foot of striker and Co-Captain Nick Franchot '03. Using the renewed scoring poise he's showed since returning from injury, Franchot took the airborne ball and kicked it into net.

With Andover leading and time ticking away, Deerfield made a last valiant push to even the score. In the eightieth minute, Deerfield got its best chance the contest when their star finisher Peter Striebel '03 managed to get the ball and fire off a rocket from twenty yard out from goal. Making a simply acrobatic save, Brendan McManus '05 dove to his left and single-handily saved the game with his outstretched glove. After dodging that bullet, Andover played with renewed concentration and determination until the last whistle.

This Wednesday, Andover made the trek to Providence, Rhode Island to do battle with the Moses Brown School. The Big Blue's offense consistently outplayed M.B.'s defense, beating them to ball after ball and scoring a season high seven goals. Igor Echave '03, led off the scoring for the day by heading in a corner kick early in the first half. Speedy Dave Sheldon '04 netted the second goal of the day when he recovered a Big Blue free kick weaved through a few M.B. defenders and laced a shot from the 18-yard line past the keeper.

Despite this brilliant display of offense, Moses Brown managed to score one after a commotion around the Andover goal left McManus helpless as a Moses Brown player headed the ball past him.

With only a 2-1 lead against a clearly inferior team, Andover knew it had to net a few. However, no one expected a goal output like PA put up in the second half. Co-Captain Tony Pucillo '03 began the blitz when he got the ball and sliced his way through about five defenders. Using his superb acceleration and tenacity, Pucillo left the defenders befuddled in his wake. To end his dazzling display of speed, he brought the ball near the top of the box before blasting it home. Not to be outdone, fellow captain Franchot, netted a goal of his own, blasting a shot from the M.B. end line that rebounded off the keeper and into the net.

Just when it seemed like the scoring deluge was going to end, the always agile and opportunistic striker Kirk Lepke '04 decided he wanted his piece of the Quakers. Lepke's goal came after he received a long throw in from Knef King in M.B.'s end and headed into net. In a play still under debate, Andover's sixth goal came during a tangle of bodies in front of the Moses Brown goal. Pucillo took a shot that went into the crowd of people and somehow the ball found its way to net. As of now, the goal is still unattributed according to team managers. Andover's last goal of the day came when King took a shot that the Moses Brown keeper mishandled. Luckily, Michael Spiak '06 pounced on the loose ball and laced it past the obviously beleaguered and frustrated MB keeper.

With the Big Blue riding a huge wave of momentum into November, it seems as though any opponent is beatable.

NEPSAC Rule Keeps Boys Soccer Out of Tournament

Continued from Page B1, Column 5

and headed the ball into the upper corner of the net. Franchot's ninth and tenth goals of the season could not have come at a better time. PA headed into the break with a comfortable two-goal lead, and Exeter began to realize that they would never be able to catch up.

Coming into this game, Spiak had already secured his place in the PA record books with seven goals on the season. Those seven goals broke the old junior scoring record set by Scott Darci '01, now a star on Dartmouth's varsity squad. Spiak is an opportunistic and savvy goal scorer who always seems to be in the right place at the right time.

Luckily, Spiak would get a chance to increase his record in the second half. When the teams returned from break, Andover came out with a cool confidence, in stark contrast to the Exeter team.

A mere five minutes into the half, Spiak notched his eighth goal, scoring unassisted against Bushnell. Right then and there, Exeter's bench had gone silent, as the game seemed to slip out of their grasp. Spiak managed to find the net again in the fifty-fifth minute. Pumi Maquebela '06 and Franchot played the ball between them and eventually found a hole the Exeter defense. Meanwhile, Spiak had snuck around the defense and stood unmarked near the far post. Maquebela found Spiak, and the junior sensation slotted the ball past Bushnell. Bushnell clearly was not having a pleasant day in net. Spiak's ninth goal stretches his personal record and gives the Big Blue plenty of reasons to stay tuned to the team in years to come.

The excellent midfield play of Igor Echave '05 and Justin Wu '06 sealed the victory for PA. Andover rolled over their cousins from the north and capped off a fantastic winning streak with a 4-0 victory.

Once the celebrations died down, tournament talk began circulate among the players, fans and coaches. Andover presented a very strong case to the NEPSAC committee. PA had an eleven game unbeaten streak against quality opponents. Their schedule was one of the hardest in New England and a playoff birth seemed almost certain. The Holderness Bulls, a very qualified team from New England B Division, wanted to play out of their division and in the NEPSAC A-Division tournament. Holderness bumped PA out of the tournament and ended their season.

While a chance at a New England championship eluded Andover, the team had a remarkable season nonetheless. Players from Class of 2003 ended their careers in style, as a group of talented juniors took New England by storm. This season Andover saw amazing play from a high-class coaching staff and talented group of young men.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Pumi Maqubela '06 volleys the ball with his right foot.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Michael Spiak '06 shields the ball away from an Exeter midfielder.

Big Blue Soccer Shuts Out Exeter; Franchot '03 Stars

by Evan McGarvey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	4
Exeter	0

The Big Blue Boys' Soccer team closed out a hugely successful season with a triumphant win over Exeter. Although Exeter came in with a highly touted goalie, Oliver Bushnell '03, Andover's gruesome twosome of Michael Spiak '06 and Nick Franchot '03 led the Big Blue to a 4-0 victory.

Usually a team unbeaten in eleven games finds its way into the playoffs. Not even a season ending with a 4-0 slaughter of rival Exeter, however, would give the Andover Boys' Soccer team a spot in the NEPSAC playoffs this year.

Almost immediately after the first whistle, Andover launched an offensive attack. In the fourth minute, the speedy Dave Sheldon '04 rushed Exeter's Bushnell for a loose ball at the goalmouth. The ball popped out of the frenzy and onto the foot of Captain Franchot. Franchot, who stood in the box, darted one direction to fake out the goalie before burying the shot. After Franchot's impressive early goal, the Exies spent the rest of the game trying to catch up to the bigger and better Boys in Blue. For the next half an hour, both teams played an even game of soccer. Igor Echave '03 controlled the midfield tempo for Andover, and Exeter even tested keeper Brendan McManus '05.

In the thirty-fourth minute, the relentless Andover offense produced yet another breathtaking goal. Carey Hynes '04 laid a perfect cross into the box, and the man of the hour, Nick Franchot '03, leapt into the air

Continued on Page B3, Column 3

SPORT:__Girls Soccer __

YEAR:__2002-2003___

CAPTAIN: Kate Takvorian, Carolyn Blaeser, Meg Coffin

MANAGER: Laurel Sticklore '05

COACH: Lisa Joel, Andy Boger, Steve Carr

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON___6___LOST____6____TIED___1_____

Letter Winner

Asplundh-Smith, Allegra
Birecki, Jessica
Blaeser, Carolyn
Caputo, Kristin
Coffin, Margaret
Demers, Sarah
Funsten, Allegra
Holliday, Alison
Howe, Rebecca
Lannan, Kelly
McCall, Kinnon
McCloskey, Ashley
McKenna, Britney
Regner, Katherine
Ruccolo, Cara
Saraidaridis, Jeanette
Sticklor, Laurel
Taggart, Jessica
Takvorian, Katherine
Totosy de Zepetnek, Julia
Vardaro, Danielle
Wadland, Julie

Girls Soccer

			PA	OPP.
Sat. 9/14/2002	(A)	WILLISTON NO.HAMPTON	0	1
Wed. 9/18/2002	(H)	ANDOVER HS	2	1
Sat. 9/21/2002	(A)	LOOMIS	2	3
Wed. 9/25/2002	(A)	HARVARD	2	2
Sat. 9/28/2002	(H)	TABOR	2	1
Wed. 10/2/2002	(H)	BROOKS	4	5
Sat. 10/5/2002	(A)	CHOATE	0	2
Wed. 10/9/2002	(A)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	4	0
Sat. 10/12/2002	(A)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	2	2
Wed. 10/16/2002	(A)	ST. PAUL'S	cancelled	
Sat. 10/19/2002	(A)	N.M.H.	1	1
Wed. 10/23/2002	(A)	THAYER	1	1
Sat. 10/26/2002	(H)	DEERFIELD	2	1
Wed. 10/30/2002	(H)	MIDDLESEX	4	2
Fri. 11/1/2002	(H)	B. B. & N.	0	2
Wed. 11/6/2002	(H)	MILTON	1	1
Sat. 11/9/2002	(H)	EXETER	1	0
Wed. 11/13/2002	(A)	NEPSAC Tourney vs Loomis Chafee	1	2 OT

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts
Soccer Girls – Varsity
2002

No.	Last	Year	Position	Hometown
16	Asplundh Smith, Allegra	04	B	Ringoes, NJ
19	Birecki, Jessie	04	F	Andover, MA
14	Blaeser, Carolyn	03	B	North Andover, MA
9	Caputo, Kristi	03	F	Belmont, MA
21	Coffin, Meg	03	B	Westford, MA
22	Danielle, Vardaro	03	M	North Reading, MA
24	Demers, Sarah	03	M	Andover, MA
4	Funsten, Allegra	03	M	Los Angeles, CA
2	Holliday, Alison	06	F	Marblehead, MA
3	Howe, Rebecca	06	B	Andover, MA
6	Lannan, Kelly	03	B	Winchester, MA
13	McCall, Kinnon	04	F	Cambridge, MA
15	McCloskey, Ashley	03	GK	Wayne, PA
12	McKenna, Britney	05	F	Rye, NH
25	Regner, Katie	03	F	Andover, MA
7	Ruccolo, Cara	05	M	Lynnfield, MA
11	Saraidardis, Jeanette	03	M	Reading, MA
8	Taggart, Jessica	05	B	Marblehead, MA
5	Takvorian, Kate	03	M	Concord, MA
10	Totosy de Zepetnek, Julia	03	M	Winchester, MA
0	Wadland, Julie	06	GK	Andover, MA

Coaches: Andy Boger, Steve Carr, Lisa Joel
Managers: Laurel Sticklore'05

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Manager: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller, M.D.

11/9

Girls Soccer Defeats Exeter, Advances to Tournament

The Andover Girls Varsity Soccer Team, cheered on by a sea of Big Blue supporters, played inspired soccer in defeating arch-rival Exeter 1-0. Lead by senior captains Meg Coffin, Kate Takvorian, and Carolyn Blaeser, the squad kept their nerves in check and maintained their composure to show the large and loud crowd of family, friends and alums just what they can do on the soccer field.

From the beginning the Andover girls came out and put pressure on the Exeter defense. Up front starters Britney McKenna, Julia Totosy, and Katie Regner applied constant pressure to the Exeter back line and combined for numerous chances. Reserves Kristi Caputo, Ali Holiday, Kinnon McCall and Jess Birecki added speed and hustle to the mix and forced the Exeter defense to clear dangerous ball after dangerous ball. McKenna, Holiday, and McCall beat the Exeter defense and even the Exeter goalie only to have their shots crash off the crossbar and bounce away. For a time it looked like this game was shaping up in all too familiar fashion with Andover outplaying the opponent but unable to find the back of the net. Fortunately for Andover, Blaeser and Coffin, with help from Birecki, combined on a corner kick (as they have all season) to break the deadlock. Blaeser served a typically brilliant ball in and Jess Birecki, trying to redirect it toward goal, found Coffin's feet instead. Coffin spun and punched it into the net for the game's only goal.

In the midfield Kate Takvorian gave a marvelous effort and battled injury to control the tempo of the game. As they have all year, outside midfielders Allegra Funsten, Sarah Demers, Cara Ruccolo and Jeanette Saraidaridis played up and back soccer, with Funsten having a particularly strong first half. At the end, the Andover back line was called in to preserve the lead and they did just that. Defenders Kelly Lannan (who also stepped forward to help out in the midfield), Becca Howe, Coffin and Blaeser put the Exeter attack on lock down early and received key minutes from Allegra Asplundh-Smith and Jess Taggart in the second half to keep Exeter off the scoreboard. Ashley McCloskey played smartly in goal and came up with key saves when she had to, and she received some well-deserved relief from 9th grader Julie Wadland who came in without missing a beat at the end of the first half.

After the game the Andover squad received more good news as the tournament committee looked favorably on the strength of Andover's schedule and awarded them the 7th seed in the New England Championship Tournament. Andover lives to play again and will travel to Connecticut to play second seed, Loomis Chaffee on Wednesday November 13th. Kickoff is at 2:15 PM.

Eight Phillips Varsity Athletic Teams Prepare for their Fall 2002 Campaigns; Both Cross-Country Teams Look to Attack Exeter

GIRLS SOCCER

The 2002 Girls Varsity Soccer team will look to rebound from a tough 3-0 loss in last year's Class A tournament final to Loomis-Chaffee and return to the tourney with different results. Despite the loss of last year's phenomenal seniors, including stars Heidi Herrick '02 and Louisa Butler '02 who now play for Stanford University and Georgetown University, respectively, Coach Lisa Joel remains confident in this year's leadership. "We have no doubt that [tri-captains] Carolyn Blaeser '03, Meg Coffin '03 and Kate Takvorian '03 are more than ready

Continued on Page B6, Column 1

Continued from Page B1, Column 4

and able to step up and lead this year's squad," said Joel." "Tak and Blaeser have been to the New England championships twice. In fact, both girls started as juniors in 1999 - the year Andover last won the Class A championship. While Meg does not yet have a soccer championship at PA, she has been part of championship teams on the varsity lacrosse and basketball teams here at Andover."

With their eyes on the New England Class A championship, Andover will bring back many players from last year's team including talented keeper Ashley McCloskey '03, forward Katie Regner '03, Allegra Funsten '03, and Danielle Vardaro '03. Lower phenom Britney McKenna '05 will also return to the squad. McKenna led the team in scoring off of the bench and looks to continue her scoring assault for the Big Blue. Two new additions to the team include postgraduates Julie Totosy '03 and Kelly Lannan '03, both coming from perennial soccer powerhouse Winchester High School in Winchester, MA.

Coffin expressed great enthusiasm over this year's team. "Honestly this is the most excited I have ever been for a season at Andover! The team and the whole program is made up of such great girls and I think no matter what happens we're going to have a blast." The team will take on Loomis in a rematch of last year's Class A Championship in their first contest of the season on the 21st of September.

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Allegra Funsten '03 chases after an Andover High School opponent in Wednesday's scrimmage.

PA Girls Soccer Dominates AHS in Wed. Scrimmage

by Sarah Takvorian
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Williston	1
Andover	0
Andover	2
Andover High	1

It was a hot, heavy day last Saturday when the Big Blue's girls Varsity soccer team, boasting fifteen returning players, scrimmaged against Williston North Hampton. Their 1-0 loss to WNH, however, does not represent the effort they put into the game. In addition to the harsh weather, tri-captain Kate Takvorian '03, usually a key player on the team's defensive line, was out of play. PG Julie Totosy de Zepetnek '03 was also inactive, recovering from an acute back injury.

The other tri-captains, Carolyn Blaeser '03 and Meg Coffin '03, provided the team with a strong, solid defense. PA also tried out a new defense formation, called flat back four. Kinnon McCall '04 commented that the new format worked well for the first time it was used in a competitive setting, saying, "If we can get it to work well, it will be amazing."

Andover's biggest problem was finishing the game, as the Blue had many more shooting opportunities than the other team, as well as the advantage that the PA offense usually had control of the ball.

Though there were multiple shots on net from offensive players such as Danielle Vardaro '03 and last year's leading scorer Britt McKenna '05, none of these shots made it into the net, as they were blocked by the strong play of WNH's goalie.

Due to the injury of starting goalie Ashley McCloskey '03, new junior Julie Wadland '06 started. For her first game in such a high, intense level, Wadland was extremely aggressive and successfully blocked many shots.

The one goal scored in the game was seemingly impossible to stop. Taken from thirty yards outside of the box by an unmarked player, the shot went straight into the upper left corner – the one defensive breakdown on PA's part in the game.

The team's lackluster start

Continued on Page B3, Column 4

Tri-Captains Takvorian, Blaeser, Coffin Lead Blue; Goalie McCloskey Injured

Continued from Page B1, Column 3

came as no surprise to the team. Not only did the team graduate key players from last year such as Heidi Herrick, Lou Butler, and Christy Checkovich, and there is also a new head coach, Andy Boger, as well as a new assistant coach, Steve Carr. Lisa Joel, who had been the head coach for the past four years, took this season off because she is due to have a child this fall. In the years that Joel has been head coach, she has taken two teams to the Class A Finals, where PA won the championship in '99 and came in second in the league last year. Joel comments, "We knew that initially change would be hard, and the main goals for this season were continuity and tradition, and that just takes time. It's not what I do for them; it's what they do for each other. I'm merely a guide. It has nothing to do with me, but I have the best part because I get to cheer them on. I'm their biggest fan, and I know how hard they've worked and how hard they want it. My goals are their goals. These kids are my family."

This year's team is one that has been in the works for a long time. Joel began to build the team when some of the players were only in their junior or lower years. This year's team has great amounts of potential in comparison with many other years. There is the melding of the seniors and there is an overall understanding of the significance of the soccer program – the players understand that they are a part of something much bigger than each player is individually, and that understanding creates power. Even though there is not necessarily one star player, that means that everyone is looking to everyone else to pull the team along.

It must be taken into consideration, however, that many of the players are working together for the first time, and patience is necessary. Many players on the team, such as Kristi Caputo '03, are being put into new roles and leadership is thrusted upon them. Key players on the team include the three captains, as well as Kelly Lannan and Totosy de Zepetnek, both of whom are PGs coming from the same Winchester team which is a part of a powerhouse program, and they will surely make an immediate impact.

After PA's disappointing start to the season against WNH, the team was more than happy to have the home field advantage in their win of the scrimmage against Andover High School. AHS, who handily beat the Big Blue last season, played PA evenly in the first half. Continuing to practice the flat-back four defense, starting defenders Blaeser and Coffin played particularly well according to Bogar, and they prevented any serious shots against goalie Wadland, who played the first thirty minutes of the game. The offense was unable to organize an effective attack in the first half and it ended in a 0-0 tie.

PA seemed flat at the beginning of the second half, which led to several solid AHS shots against goalie Ashley McCloskey '03, who relieved Wadland in the first half and completed the game. Following an AHS penalty kick at the 30 yard-line, McCloskey was forced to come out of goal when the ball was passed to an unmarked striker in the box. AHS scored their only goal of the game on a chipped shot into the upper left corner to take the lead 1-0.

This goal seemed to spark a rally in PA's midfield and offense. Standout striker McKenna was dominant in the box especially during the second half, with support from center midfielder Takvorian, playing out of the defensive backfield for the first time at PA. The Big Blue had many other scoring opportunities as the game progressed. With twenty-four minutes left in the half, McKenna took a shot in the box, and Kelly Lannan scored on the rebound to tie the game up 1-1. Later in the half, Coffin shot a left-footed ball which was deflected by the AHS goalie, and there were other near-goals by Sarah Demers '03, Allison Holiday '06, and Takvorian, all of whom had shots that bounced off the cross bar. Finally, however, McCall scored on a scramble in front of the net. After that, PA never trailed again. As coach Boger says, "the game was a solid effort for early in the season. We have a good foundation of soccer skills to improve on. The captains were all standout players today, but I was impressed with the play of many others on the team, as well."

Next up, the girls look forward to when they travel to Loomis for this Saturday's game. Loomis, the two-time defending Class A champions, went to Europe as a team and already has four games under their belt, while PA only has two. However, Andover is up to the challenge and will surely give a strong effort. Joel agrees: "the team will fall back on its leadership, and they can shut down other teams. PA is the proudest, closest team in New England, and that can go a long way."

Girls Soccer Still Looking to Find Footing; Gets Confidence Booster Destroying GDA

by Kristina Chang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Choate	**2**
Andover	**0**
Andover	**4**
GDA	**0**

Playing on an eighty-five degree day after a two-plus hour bus ride on a six day week, the Girls Varsity soccer team did not need to provide excuses for last Saturday's loss against Choate. The girls all had high hopes for a good showing at Choate to get the Big Blue back on track after last Wednesday's close loss against Brooks. Choate, who had tied powerhouse team Loomis (to whom PA lost 2-3 earlier this season), proved to be very physical, which can be party attributed to how the referees were generous in their calls, thus allowing aggressive play to continue on both sides. Choate's defense proved to be stellar, shutting down PA's Britney McKenna '05 and Julie Totosy de Zepetnek '03. Midway through the first half, PA lost superb defender Jess Taggart '05 to an ankle injury. Though she had tough shoes to fill, Becca Howe '06 replaced her and did an excellent job. PA's biggest problem was that its midfield could not quite organize and was beaten to the ball by Choate's aggressive play. Towards the end of the first half, Choate scored against starting goalie Ashley McCloskey '03 on a series of well-placed passes culminating in a perfectly placed shot on net.

In the second half, however, a whole new Big Blue took the field. Overcoming exhaustion and injury, PA came out with some spark and produced several sterling opportunities. McKenna missed on an open net, Totosy de Zepetnek sent several beautiful crosses to empty far posts, and tri-captain Kate Takvorian '03 had a scramble in the box that she could not quite capitalize on. Despite strong, energized play from PA in the second half, Choate still managed to score one more goal on another string of passes. The game ended with Choate up 2-0, a loss that was difficult because the PA faithful and the team knew that for whatever reasons, they had not played with their usual tenacity.

Wednesday, however, PA managed to rebound from the loss to Choate and were animated and geared up to win against Governor Dummer Academy. Captains Carolyn Blaeser '03, Meg Coffin '03, and Takvorian led the entire team in an inspirational effort. Determined to finish the game with a win, every player contributed. In the first half, as a result of some of the best ball movement of the season, PA had numerous shots on goal. Midway into the first half, Kristi Caputo '03 poked the ball into the back of the net after a short touch pass into the box from McKenna for PA's first goal against GDA's outstanding goalie. Midfielder Sarah Demers '03 had one of her best outings of the year and contributed significantly to PA's first half offensive effort by winning many contested balls. As the half wound down, GDA valiantly fought for control of the field but lost the battle. PA earned several corner kicks which finally resulted in a patented Blaeser to Coffin combination goal – Blaeser shot a beautiful, arching kick to Coffin, who tapped the ball in with her back. Showing promise for the rest of the season and the years to come, juniors Julie Wadland and Alison Holliday logged valuable playing time, impressing all with their athleticism. At half time, PA had smiles on their faces and a well-earned two goal lead to their name.

F.Wang/*The Phillipian*

Even Britney McKenna '05, who led the Blue in scoring last year, could not notch a goal against the stalwart Choate squad.

After a flat first few minutes in the second half, the Big Blue rallied again and maintained the momentum for the remainder of the game. Takvorian sent numerous through balls to the corners and the box, setting up the third goal of the game, which was a one-on-one with the goalie that Katie Regner '03 executed perfectly. Allegra Funsten '03, Jeanette Saraidardis '03, Kinnon McCall '04, and Jessie Birecki '04 (who was coming off of a concussion from two weeks ago), contributed to the PA effort to dominate in the midfield. McKenna ended the PA scoring with by far the most brilliant goal of the game. She picked up the ball at midfield, and literally dribbled it through the GDA defense and popped it over the waiting goalie, making what was a challenging task look easy. Takvorian commented, "Today's win revitalized the team, we played a strong game of soccer and everyone really put in their best efforts."

On the defensive end, Howe was consistent in beating her opponent to the ball as well as accurately initiating a string of passes upfield. Kelly Lannan '03 showed her usual defensive grit, and Blaeser smothered the GDA strikers. As the minutes ticked down, Allegra Asplundh-Smith '04 made the save of the afternoon by executing a brilliant goal-saving slide tackle in the box against a streaking GDA striker who surely would have scored. According to assistant coach Steve Carr, "This was the best team effort of the season. Everyone came out ready to play, and everyone, starters and reserves alike, contributed to the victory."

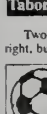
The win was bittersweet, however, because the team received the news a few days ago that promised PG Totosy de Zepetnek will be out for the remainder of the season due to a stress fracture in her back that she has been nursing since the beginning of the fall. On a positive note, however, on Thursday, October 3, at 6:09 p.m., coach Lisa Joel gave birth to her third daughter, Mariel Linde, who was seven pounds and fifteen ounces. As the team sends their joy out to Lisa and her husband Chris, Takvorian says, "At this point, we can only hope to carry this energy into our upcoming game against Nobles."

Frustrated Girls Soccer Unsatisfied with Two Ties

by Sarah Takvorian
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	1
N.M.H.	1
Andover	1
Tabor	1

Two wrongs may not make a right, but two ties certainly don't make a win. At NMH, the team - anticipated return of two starters, Britt McKenna '05, who still had a bruised foot but was playing nonetheless, and Julia Totosy de Zepetnek '03, who, with a confirmed stress fracture in her back, is able to play with a brace. However, Jess Taggart '05 and Danielle Vardaro '03 remained on the bench due to injuries.


GIRLS' SOCCER

The team began the game sluggishly, allowing NMH to control the play and push the ball into PA's defensive end. With captains Meg Coffin '03 and Carolyn Blaeser '03 starting, as well as Kelly Lannan '03 and versatile lower Cara Ruccolo, making her first start of the season, the Blue's defensive line once again proved strong despite a persistent NMH threat. As the game progressed, the midfield began to dominate. Sarah Demers '03 and Allegra Funsten '03 were quick to the ball on the outside, and, at center midfield, captain Kate Takvorian '03 played with tenacity and grit while pushing the ball up field to the wings and into the box on numerous occasions. For the last thirty minutes of the first half, PA dominated. McKenna, Coffin, Katie Regner '03, and Kristi Caputo '03 all had near-miss shots. The only score of the first half come just before halftime whistle. Regner, with fancy footwork, dribbled around several defenders and neatly sent the ball past a frozen NMH goalie.

The second half was a different story. NMH played with a newly found determination. NMH exploited the speed of its left-winger who beat out a PA defender for a near-goal. Luckily, a brilliant save by Ashley McCloskey '03, prevented the Hoggers from tying the game. Becca Howe '06 and Coffin time and time again anticipated the ball and sent it back up field, but it was Blaeser, with her composure and speed, who made the defensive play of the game. She stopped a near-breakaway as she caught up with a charging NMH right wing, edging her to the far corner and preventing both a shot and a cross. The Lady Blue's luck could only last so long. NMH's speedy left wing converted on a breakaway one-on-one goal against McCloskey, tying up the game.

With time running out, there was a momentum shift again, but PA unfortunately could not convert. Totosy de Zepetnek, showing her usual dazzling speed, determination, and skills, contributed to several golden opportunities, as did McKenna. Kinnon McCall '04 proved frontling support at left wing. Despite strong efforts, however, the game ended with a disappointing 1-1 on the scoreboard.

Wednesday's game against Thayer was pretty much the same story for the Lady Blue. The team was near full strength, with only Vadaro still out with an injured leg and Taggart just activated after ankle sprain 3 weeks ago.

The first half saw opportunities missed on both sides of the ball. McKenna peppered the Thayer goalie with shots in the first five minutes. Midway into the first half, she finally converted on a beautiful arching shot from 20 yards out and just over the head of the leaping goalie. Despite continued aggressive offensive play, including on the part of Totosy de Zepetnek, Funsten, Takvorian and Jesse Birecki '04, PA was unable to score again, not only in the first half, but also for the rest of the game.

The second half saw a determined defense hold Thayer scoreless for 39 minutes, shutting down efforts by Thayer's outstanding striker with the help pf McCloskey, who played one of her best games of the year. The offense again created opportunities but could not convert, and the misses came back to haunt the girls just before the end of the game. With the ball in the defensive end of the field, a PA defender, trying to clear the ball in a crowded box, inadvertently kicked it into another player. While the crowd and players watched in disbelief, the ball ricocheted back into the left hand corner of the PA goal, tying the game. The game ended in a stalemate, and the girls stood in disbelief at their bad luck. They once again played well enough to win, but could not.

Two potential PA victories ended up as disappointing ties, leaving the Big Blue to wonder about how to pick up their game and start racking up the wins. The team will end its lengthy series of away games, returning to Andover for Parents Weekend to face off against Deerfield.

McKenna's Pair of Goals Powers PA Past Middlesex

by Sarah Takvorian
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	2
Deerfield	1
Andover	4
Middlesex	2

Parents' Weekend provided the perfect time for the girls of PA's Varsity Soccer to get back on track after a series of frustrating ties. Despite the driving rain and poor field conditions last Saturday, PA got muddy and pulled through with a 2-1 win against Deerfield surrounded by a large crowd of bundled up, cheering parents. The team played with a newfound energy and enthusiasm, despite the weather, sparked by their chance to play on home turf.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Starting on offense, Katie Regner '03, Britt McKenna '05, and Kristi Caputo '03, supported by Julia Totosy de Zepetnek '03, assaulted the Deerfield goalie with a barrage of shots. Meanwhile, the midfield tenaciously fed balls into the Big Blue's offensive end. Freshman reserve Ali Holliday '06, earning more playing time than in any game so far, gave the team and the faithful PA crowd a glimpse of the brilliance that will lead the Big Blue for the next three years, with her outstanding individual moves and aggressive play to the ball.

PA's offensive efforts paid off early on, as the Blue put the first point on the board when midfielder Sarah Demers '03 sent a brilliant cross from the left side to a waiting McKenna covering the left post. McKenna speared the ball past the hapless Deerfield goalie, who had no chance to make the save. This first goal charged up the Big Blue to an even greater height. As the field conditions futher deteriorated, PA continued to dominate, led by midfielder and captain Kate Takvorian '03, Allegra Funsten '03, and Demers, with support by Jeanette Saraidaridis '03 and Allegra Ashplundh-Smith '04. It was Captains Carolyn Blaeser '03 and Meg Coffin '03 on defense, however, who combined on a perfect corner kick combination to score what proved to be the winning goal; Blaeser, with a now-patented arching corner kick, found a waiting Coffin who, towering over the Deerfield defenders, executed a perfect header into the upper-middle of the goal.

On the defensive end of the field, a combined outstanding effort of both the midfield and defense led to few significant Deerfield opportunities. Goalie Ashley McCloskey '03, sharing first half time with freshman standout Julie Wadland '06, saw only a few ineffective shots on goal which were easily handled. The half ended with 2-0 on the scoreboard.

The second half was a sloppy affair. With sections of the field immersed in standing water and mud, players experienced poor footing time and time again. Deerfield assumed a more aggressive posture, but the defensive four of Coffin, Blaeser, Becca Howe '06 (alternating with Jess Taggart '05), and ever steady Kelly Lannan '03 continued to maintain control.

Finally, a long-shot strike found its way past McCloskey to bring the Deerfield team within one goal of tie. Unlike previous games, however, the Big Blue dug deep and held on to win, maintaining poise and focus despite a ten-minute rain delay to attempt and repair the field twenty-seven minutes into the second half. When the clock reached 0:00, PA ended the game on top at 2-1 – an incredibly energizing and exciting win for the girls of Blue.

Continued on Page 11, Column 1

F Wang/*The Phillipia*

Ali Holliday '06 manuevers around a Middlesex defender en route to Wednesday's win.

Girls Soccer Avenges Last Year's Loss to Middlesex

Continued from Page 12, Column 5

Playing on the first dry field in ages on Wednesday, PA was ready to bring up their play up to the level they knew they could. The first few minutes of the game against Middlesex brought doubt into spectators' minds that the game would not have as great an outcome as the Deerfield game. Ten minutes into the game, Middlesex had already scored two goals, however, those goals seemed to only motivate PA further to bring out another win. With strong, impressive play by Howe on defense, PA managed to put together good passing combinations, quick feet, speed, and aggression, while outside midfielder Demers did a great job of keeping the ball up field. In the midfield, Takvorian anticipated players' moves and was always the first to the ball.

The team was just as strong offensively as defensively, too. Katie Regner '03 had a standout game, including adding good pressure on the left side and a header shot stopped by the goalie. PA's first of four goals came from a pass from Totosy de Zepetnek to Kinnon McCall '04, and finally to McKenna who shot the ball low and in the corner of the net. Throughout the game, McKenna and Jessie Birecki '04 applied strong pressure on Middlesex.

Whenever Middlesex woul carry the ball down the line, fi seconds later, Totosy Zepetnek would be seen brin ing it back up. Relief player Ca Ruccolo '05 showed good pers verance, aggression, and passe as well as a great shot on go and Holliday once again show poise and amazing speed. A lo ing volley kick by Lannan u up the game for PA at 2- Showing true talent, McKen gave PA its third goal after can ing the ball down half of t field and sending a low shot i the goal.

Playing with a new num and a new position (in the fi half she played offense inst of her usual defense), Blae was affective both offensiv and defensively. She had g cross as well as corner kic accurate passes, and aggressi and she finally pulled all th factors together to culminate lob kick to the top-right co of the net to have PA end game with a strong win of 4-

As a smiling Asplun Smith puts it, "It's about t Finally, this team's hard w leadership, and skill is begin to pay off." Next, the girls forward to tonight's game u the lights of the football stac against BB&N.

Athlete Of The Week

Meg Coffin '03

"Not only is Meg one of the most talented players on the team, she is also an incredible source of motivation for each person." —Kinnon McCall '04

by Kristina Chang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

The pressure was mounting. The Girls' Varsity Soccer squad was frustrated over the tied outcomes of their past three games. Their adrenaline was also pumping because they were playing in front of their home fans and their families. Facing a strong team from Deerfield, the Big Blue had their work cut out for them. Playing a spectacular game, the PA squad beat the Big Green 2-1. The second goal of the game not only won it for the Big Blue, but also reinvigorated the team. The goal came from what is considered an unlikely source, defender Meg Coffin '03. For her fantastic performance in the Big Blue's Parents' Weekend match against Deerfield, Tri-Captain Coffin is this week's Athlete of the Week.

Defender? That's right. After Tri-Captain Carolyn Blaeser '03 took a corner kick, Coffin stepped out of the defense to head the ball into the back of the net. Coffin knows how to use her 6'1 staturc to her advantage, this is manifested in the fact that last Saturday's goal was her fourth goal this season. All of these points were tallied from the corner kick game situation.

Teammate Allegra Asplundh-Smith '04 was not surprised by Coffin's stellar performance: "As usual, Meg led our team with her aggression, positive attitude, and skill. She's an incredible asset to the team both offensively and defensively."

Of the team's play on Saturday, Coffin asserted, "Before the game, we had a big team meeting and inspirational bonding session. The team was able to turn our frustration from the past three games into positive energy."

Born and raised in Westford, Massachusetts, Coffin began playing soccer at the age of six for her town soccer team. She continued to play for her town and travel teams until the age of twelve when she joined her local club team, the Spirit of Massachusetts. Coffin still plays for the Spirit during winter and spring terms with PA teammates Tri-Captain Kate Takvorian '03, Blaeser, and Katie Regner '03.Entering Andover as a new lower, Coffin has served as a top rate delender for the varsity team all three years. Having never played anywhere else on the field, Coffin called this position her "home on the field" because "playing there just feels right."

Coffin enjoys her position as a leader both on and off the field. Competing on the defensive line, Coffin sees it as her responsibility to spur on communication among the team during games. Citing her most accomplished moment in soccer as being voted captain by her teammates, Coffin takes her role as captain quite seriously. "As captain, there is a lot of pressure to be an example for the younger players on the team. I feel that it magnifies my leadership role both on and off the field."

Through her role as captain, Coffin has earned the respect of both her coaches and teammates. Three-year coach Lisa Joel had nothing but praise for Coffin: "Since Meg came as a lower, she has had a significant impact on the success of her team. Meg is a true competitor. She wants to win. Meg has proven herself as a top player, not only on our team, but also in the prep school scene."

Teammate Kinnon McCall '04 added, "Not only is Meg one of the most talented players on the team, she is also an incredible source of motivation for each person. She has the ability to lift everyone up after a bad day."

The respect is mutual, as Coffin, a tremendously humble athlete, attributes much of her success to the quality of her coaches and teammates. "I couldn't do anything without the team," she explained. Coffin stated that the opportunity to play with her Andover teammates is her favorite part of playing soccer.

Coffin plans to continue playing soccer in college. One thing's for sure, any team would be more than lucky to have such a skilled and inspirational player on their squad.

Golden Goal from Coffin '03 Sends Girls Soccer Past Exeter, into the Tournament

by Sarah Takvorian
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	1
Exeter	0
Loomis	2
Andover	1

November ninth brought yellow caution tape around the bell tower, swarms of lost red geeks, and over a thousand crazy cheering blue fans. Andover/Exeter day, however, also brought one of the strongest wins that the girls of Big Blue's varsity soccer team have had all season. Kicking off at eleven, the girls played in the first game of Andover/Exeter, with students, faculty, alumni, and parents alike all watching intently. The girls showed their ability to pull together at a clutch time, clinching the team's post-season tournament bid.

GIRLS' SOCCER

The first thirty minutes of the game against Exeter saw aggression but no goals, determination but no domination. Play was mostly back and forth with an equal number of shots on net on both sides, and PA fans were just waiting for the moment to come that would allow us to all cheer "scoreboard, scoreboard" tauntingly at the freakish Exies on the opposite sideline. With help from the amazing footwork by Captain Kate Takvorian '03 and blazing speed from captain Meg Coffin '03, everyone on the field kicked into gear and displayed their finest level of play. Goalie Ashley McCloskey '03, playing one of her best games of the season, time and time again caught the ball and then sent it flying back into PA's offensive side. On offense, play continued to be strong and effective. Sarah Demers '03, undoubtedly playing her best game of the season, sent beautiful cross after cross into the box and used her agility, speed, and aggression to her advantage, as well as having several amazing shots on net. Coffin, star-scorer Britt McKenna '05, and Julia Totosy de Zepetnek '03, all had great scoring opportunities. Displaying grit and putting valuable pressure on the ball, Kelly Lannan '03 and Totosy de Zepetnek showed a high level of play throughout the whole game. Allegra Funsten '03 had a great game. As usual, Captain Carolyn Blaeser '03 proved her corner kicks to be the best around, and thirty minutes into the half, Coffin, after a ball was deflected from the goalie to Jesse Birecki '04 and then back to Coffin, was able to shoot a kick past the Exeter goalie, giving PA their lone goal of the game and Exeter their regret.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Starting forward Katie Regner '03 evades an Exeter defender in Saturday's victory.

The second half proved to be very similar to the first half, as neither team scored and the Andover girls continued their dominating team play. Totosy de Zepetnek continued to do a great job bringing the ball down the line, and McKenna and Katie Regner '03 showed good footwork and aggressive play towards the goal. Demers also continued her strong play, and Blaeser, who got a turn at wing, showed off her offensive skills, on top of her smart and agile defensive play. Totosy de Zepetnek, McKenna, Regner, and Demers each took numerous shots on goal, three of which bounced off the crossbar, in addition to the many others, which were just wide or over the goal. Coffin and Lannan pressured the ball up field, and Coffin, using her height, controlled the ball in the air. Reserves Allegra Asplundh-Smith '04 and Jess Taggart '05 were strong on defense, as was Jeanette Saraidaridis '03 at midfield. Takvorian re-injured her bruised rib, but returned with even more tenacity. She controlled the middle, changed fields with great passes, and sent many through balls. Although PA's lead was small, there was never too much doubt about the outcome of the game. Once again, Good conquered Evil. Blue creamed Red.

With their win against Exeter, PA got into the post-sea-

Continued on Page B3, Column 1

Athlete Of The Week

Julia Totosy de Zapetnek '03

"[Julia's] unfazed enthusiasm combined with experience and pure skill really makes her an invaluable member of the team."

—Captain Kate Takvoian '03

by Kristina Chang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

She's a PG. Pretty Good? No way, Julia Totosy de Zepetnek '03 is more than just pretty good. Playing for the Big Blue soccer team as both a forward and midfielder, Totosy de Zepetnek has been a major playmaker both on offense and defense.

Facing a strong squad from Exeter last weekend, Totosy de Zepetnek did not disappoint. Totosy de Zepetnek played the best match of her short one-year career at PA, and tri-captain Kate Takvorian '03 called her "one of the key players" in that game. Takvorian stressed Totosy de Zepetnek's versatility, highlighting her ability to "distribute the ball well on offense and win balls on defense." Totosy de Zepetnek led the team to a convincing 1-0 victory over the Exies.

What is most spectacular about Totosy de Zepetnek is her stellar play despite injury. After sitting out the first four games of the season, she was diagnosed with a fractured back. A determined and motivated player, Totosy de Zepetnek was back on the field only a few games later. Playing with a back brace, she has been frustrated, commenting that the brace prevents her from breathing properly and restricts her movement. Even under these unfortunate circumstances, Totosy de Zepetnek has managed to make a major impact upon Big Blue soccer. Her mental strength has not gone unnoticed. Coach Steve Carr asserted, "Julia has been playing with pain, and she has been playing well."

Totosy de Zepetnek attributes her outstanding play on last Saturday to the fact that she is now more comfortable playing in the brace. She continued saying, "The energy of the fans and the day psyched up everyone on the team. All our hard work from practice was really paying off."

Raised in Alberta, Canada, Totosy de Zepetnek picked up soccer at the age of five. When she was eleven, Totosy de Zepetnek started playing club soccer. A star from the start, Totosy de Zepetnek made the provincial team at the age of fourteen. She continued to play for that team until she was sixteen.

At sixteen, Totosy de Zepetnek made the move to Winchester, Massachusetts where she furthered her already successful soccer career. Playing her Junior and Senior seasons for Winchester High School, Totosy de Zepetnek was a standout on their team from the start. In her Junior year, Totosy de Zepetnek was an Eastern Massachusetts All-Star. After trying out in September, Totosy de Zepetnek was also chosen to play for the Massachusetts state team.

Tragedy struck halfway through her Junior year when Totosy de Zepetnek tore her ACL and was sidelined for the rest the season. Totosy de Zepetnek did not resume play until her Senior Spring when she played club soccer for the Boston Bullets. Playing healthy, Totosy de Zepetnek led the Bullets to the state championships where they emerged victorious.

Totosy de Zepetnek has a multitude of strengths, one of the main reasons she is able to play as both a forward and a midfielder. Coach Carr observed, "Julia is a difficult player for the other team to match up with. The combination of her speed and aggressiveness quickly wear out the other team's defensive line." It's Totosy de Zepetnek's attacking mindset that impresses Coach Carr the most. "Julia is very determined. She has the ability to get the ball from opponents and be dangerous with it."

Carr has not only been impressed with her play, but also her attitude towards the game: "Players look up to Julia. Coming in as a PG is difficult, and she has done a great job. Julia is a real team player and she has been a great addition both on and off the field. Teammate Kinnon McCall '04 added, "Julia is not only an amazing soccer player, but also an amazing teammate. She helps to increase the level of play in every practice and every game."

Tri-Captain Takvorian has also been pleased with Totosy de Zepetnek's attitude: "I would certainly say Julia entered the season as one of the most enthusiastic kids on the field. That unfazed enthusiasm combined with experience and pure skill really makes her an invaluable member of the team."

Totosy de Zepetnek plans to continue her career and play in college. Hopefully all her injuries are behind her, and Totosy de Zepetnek will be able to stay healthy so she that will be able to perform to the best of her ability.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Britt McKenna '05, the leading scorer this season for the Girls Socce team, sprints past a defender.

Loomis-Chaffee Defeats Soccer, Ending Season

Continued from Page B1, Column 4

son tournament. The girls were ranked seventh in the tournament and so their game Wednesday matched them with the second-seed, Loomis Chaffee.

In the first half, PA came out with a defensive posture, including great play from McCloskey once again. The team had some trouble offensively initially, but the defensive four of Taggart, Coffin, Lannan, and frosh standout Becca Howe kept the girls in the game, as they brilliantly staved off multiple Loomis attempts at the net. Loomis scored first, as PA suffered from a slight defensive breakdown. Despite several corner kicks at the end of the first half, PA could not convert, but they did continue to thwart Loomis' offensive surges. The second half saw a much more assertive PA team. After twenty minutes of back and forth play, a creative lineup change placing McKenna and Totosy de Zepetnek as strikers and Ali Holliday '06, Funsten, Demers, and Takvorian at midfield, led to an extraordinarily effective offensive combination. Takvorian, as usual, aggressively played the midfield well by positioning for headers and having brilliant field changes and anticipation of the ball. Coffin assumed a more offensive posture, as did the entire back four on defense. Totosy de Zepetnek definitely had one of the best games of the season, and scored PA's only goal by dribbling around a defender and sending a perfect ball low into the corner after a give-and-go from McKenna. Holliday provided the spark that PA had been looking for offensively for the season with her aggressiveness to the ball, her touch passing, and her overall vision of the field. Lady Blue managed to get four consecutive corner kicks, and only great saves by the Loomis goalie kept the score even. The defense continued to deny Loomis any shots, and PA dominated in the last fifteen minutes. And the end of regulation time, the score was tied at 1-1. The game then continued into two overtime periods, each ten minutes in length, and saw each team recharged for the win. Loomis struck first on a defensive mix-up in the middle which led to another solid strike past McCloskey. PA seemed dazed after the score, as well as being exhausted, and though there were several more corner kicks and a perfect ball from Takvorian to Lannan, the team could not execute.

The game ended with Loomis in front, 2 to 1. As Takvorian said, "It was a frustrating game to lose because we played well enough to win, and we deserved it. It was satisfying, though, to perform as we did against such a good team." Coffin seconded noting, "It was a great game to play because we didn't think we were going to make it that far. It was wonderful to have one final opportunity to play together." Seniors, such as Takvorian and Coffin, who gave their all to the PA soccer program can be proud of their season. The team showed steady progress and ended on a high note, playing their best game of the season.

SPORT:__Girls Volleyball __

YEAR:__2002-2003___

CAPTAIN: Justine Wardrop , Danielle Dumond

MANAGER: Francesco Cremonesi , Alvin Yu

COACH: Clyfe Beckwith

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Flavia Vidal

SEASON RECORD

WON___11___**LOST**____5____**TIED**___0_____

Letter Winners

Cantwell, Lauren
Daigneault, Jessica
Dickerson, Devon
Dumond, Danielle
Hanley, Mary
Jiang, Shanshan
O'Hern, Erin
Park, Jane
Tognoni, Cassandra
Laureen
Voorhees, Dorothy
Wardrop, Marian
Zucker, Taryn

Girls Volleyball

			PA	OPP
Sat. 9/14/2002	(H)	CUSHING/SPS/EXETER	(scrimmage)	
Wed. 9/18/2002	(H)	NEW HAMPTON	3	0
Sat. 9/21/2002	(A)	LOOMIS	0	3
Wed. 9/25/2002	(H)	ST. PAUL'S	3	2
Sat. 9/28/2002	(H)	DRACUT HS	2	3
Wed. 10/2/2002	(H)	NORTH READING HS	3	0
Sat. 10/5/2002	(A)	CHOATE	3	2
Wed. 10/9/2002	(H)	CUSHING	3	0
Sat. 10/12/2002	(H)	HOPKINS	no match	
Wed. 10/16/2002	(A)	EXETER	1	3
Sat. 10/19/2002	(A)	N.M.H.	3	1
Wed. 10/23/2002	(A)	CUSHING	3	0
Sat. 10/26/2002	(H)	DEERFIELD	3	0
Wed. 10/30/2002	(A)	ST. PAUL'S	3	0
Fri. 11/1/2002	(H)	N.M.H.	3	0
Sun. 11/3/2002	(A)	ALL STAR	11:00	
Wed. 11/6/2002	(H)	WORCESTER	3:00	
Sat. 11/9/2002	(H)	EXETER	2	3

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts
Volleyball Girls – Varsity
2002

Name	Year	Number	Position	Height	Hometown
Lauren Cantwell	10th	#5	OH/L/S	5'9	Newport News, VA
Jessie Daigneault	11th	#14	MH	5'9	Gaithersburg, MD
Devon Dickerson	11th	#4	S	5'7	Pasadena, CA
Danny Dumond -C	12th	#2	L	5'6	Tewksbury, MA
Mimi Hanley	11th	#11	MH	5'11	Seattle, WA
Shanshan Jiang	12th	#8	OH	5'9	Northboro, MA
Erin O'Hern	12th	#15	RH	5'10	Johnston, IA
Jane Park	10th	#7	L/OH	5'6	Northbrook, IL
Cassie Tognoni	10th	#21	MH	5'8	Andover, MA
Justine Wardrop -C	12th	#3	OH	5'8	Chicago, IL
Dorothy Voorhees	11th	#9	RH/S	5'9	Birmingham, AL
Taryn Zucker,	12th	#1	S	5'5	Gilford, NH

Coach: Clyfe Beckwith
Assistant: Flavia Vidal
Manager: Francesco Cremonesi, Alvin Yu

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Manager: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller, M.D.

Girls Volleyball Outplays New Hampton For Opening Win

The Andover volleyball girls started off the 2002 season on an excellent note with a relatively easy 3-0 victory over New Hampton. This opponent is new to our schedule, and we didn't know what to expect, but PA set the tone from the beginning, with a strong lead and a 30-17 result on the first game. We were then able to try out different rotations, as we are still experimenting with the promising new players who joined us this year and with our experienced veterans in different positions. A change in our league's rules--now we play by NCAA rules--opened up the position of a libero, deftly filled by co-captain Danny Dumond '03, with occasional help from Jane Park '05. We are also playing a 6x2 rotation, building on the always-reliable skills of setters Devon Dickerson '04, and Taryn Zucker '03, and on the hitting potential of Mimi Hanley '04, Jessie Daigneault '04, Erin O'Hern '03, and Cassie Tognoni '05, in the middle and co-captain Justine Wardrop '03, Shanshan Jiang '03, Lauren Cantwell '05, and Dorothy Voorhees '04, on the outside.

The first game of the match gave Andover an early lead, spearheaded by Jessie Daigneault's and Justine Wardrop's combined 11 aces (the team as a whole had 19 in the game). But the pace was slow, and the team started to lose focus. The most exciting moment of the game -- and of the whole match -- came on a fantastic save from Dorothy Voorhees at the net, when the New Hampton team was already celebrating what looked like a sure point. In the second game, we substituted some players and tried out new rotations.

At first, New Hampton put up a lead, helped by a series of powerful services and some confusion in our attack line. But PA soon found its game again, with precise passing by Danny Dumond and smart play at the net by Erin O'Hern, ending the game at 30-23. With yet another rotation in the third game, Andover again allowed the opponents to take an early lead, but only for a short period this time. Mimi Hanley and Justine Wardrop found a way to avoid their block (their best line of defense), and Devon Dickerson and Taryn Zucker explored our back-row hitting potential with nice sets in this area. At the end, a powerful kill by Lauren Cantwell brought us to the 29th point, leaving Erin O'Hern to finish the game with an ace at 30-24. A nice way to start our season; next, we're off to Loomis on Saturday.

Eight Phillips Varsity Athletic Teams Prepare for their Fall 2002 Campaigns; Both Cross-Country Teams Look to Attack Exeter

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

What are rules anyways? The NAGWS organization, the volleyball sport governing body, which Andover had followed in the past, has collapsed. The team has other options, but both include rule changes that would alter the style of play. Change can be for the better though, right?

"We are going to have a very strong offense," boasted co-captain Justine Wardrop '03, "and with the new rules in the league, our defense should be stronger with the addition of the libero." The libero is an additional player to the rotation, courtesy of the new set of rules.

"I think this season is going to be an awesome one because of the outstanding returnees and the new talent coming in," said Wardrop, and Co-Captain Danny Dumond '03 concurred. "I'm looking forward to the end of the season tournament and expecting to go far this year."

And that is what it comes down to, the end of the season hardware. Last season, Andover beat Exeter twice in the regular season, and exceeding anyone's expectations, reached the quarterfinals of the tourney in 2001. This year the bar will be set even higher. This year the team will have the luck of five returning seniors, Erin O'Hern, Shanshan Jiang, Taryn Zucker, as well as captains Dumond and Wardrop. "We also have three returning uppers," noted Dumond, We have a lot of new players with varsity experiences coming out of the team this year."

Wardrop added, "I am confident that we can make it farther [than the quarter finals]." New rules, high expectations, and an experienced, talented team, Memorial Gym should be hopping for this season of girl's volleyball.

PA Girls Volleyball Easily Topples New Hampton 3-0

by Danny Dumond
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**3**
New Hampton	**0**

The Big Blue did it again, coming up with a win over New Hampton on Wednesday. The team this year, with eight returning players, is looking to go far in their end of season tournament, and if their performance so far is any indication, they can expect to be successful.

This past Saturday Andover hosted its annual pre-season tournament. This year the Big Blue matched skill with teams from Cushing, St. Paul's, and Exeter. Other than a "surprise" scrimmage against Andover High School, this tournament was PA's first chance to really play together in a game situation.

New this year is the change of rules that effect every high school team in the area. The biggest change is the addition of the Libero position to the team. The Libero is lovingly referred to as the "Big L" by the Andover team due to pronunciation problems. The Big L is a back-row player who is not allowed to serve or hit in the front row, but who can substitute for any player at any time. The primary Big L player this year is Danny Dumond '03. "I think the position is a great addition," says Dumond, "I get to play the entire game and stay in the back row. The only problem is that most people look at my shirt [All Liberos must wear a different colored shirt to differentiate them from the non-Libero players] and think that I am on a different team."

In Saturday's tournament, the Big Blue first took the court against St. Paul's. Coach Clyfe Beckwith started the team out with a 6-2 rotation, with the setter coming from the back row. The rotation used all 8 returning players and Dorothy Voorhees '04. The team started off strong with some great defensive plays and some big hits by returnees Mimi Hanley '04 and Jessie Daigneault '04 in the middle. The team ended the match two games to none with a terrific "one" set to Daigneault, who proceeded to smash the ball into the court amongst the terrified St. Paul's players.

Next, the Big Blue took on Cushing Academy using a different rotation. Jane Park '05 tried out the Libero position as Cassie Tognoni '05 moved up to the middle. Lauren Cantewell '05 took up the strong side hitter position. Cushing proved to be no problem as the Big Blue. bulldozed through. With some superb blocking at the net by Erin O'Hern '03, Andover easily took the match two games to none.

Next up for the Big Blue was Exeter's strong team. With two wins under his belt, Clyfe Beckwith decided to use the initial rotation against the Big Red. Although they were the only other team to use the Big L, Exeter's team was not particularly strong in defense. One of their strong side hitters, however, found a weakness in Big Blue's rotation. By hitting off Andover's block, she was able to rack up the points for Exeter's team as PA was unable to pick up the deflected balls. After a 24-30 loss for Andover, the girls came in strong for the second game. Both teams made some terrific plays as the score remained close. In a heartbreaking end to the game, Exeter managed to win by a hair, 30-32. "It's ok," commented O'Hern, "Now we just have more reason to beat them when it actually counts."

On Wednesday, the Big Blue faced New Hampton for an out of league game. These games can be used in Andover's final record, and are therefore just as important as an in-league game. The match was set up with 30-point games. The first team to win three games won the match. From the very first game, the Big Blue dominated the court. Terrific serving by Daigneault '04 and a great save by Voorhees '04 added excitement to the otherwise slow game. Andover took the game 30-13.

In the second game, the play picked up a bit. Devon Dickerson '04 and Taryn Zucker '03 played a great game as the two setters for the team. Co-Captain Justine Wardrop '03 remained a consistent player and server on the court. Andover went on to win both the second and the third games with relative ease.

In the third game, PA worked on "quick" plays in the front row and on perfecting passes to the setter. Overall, the girls played an awesome game. "I was afraid that we would lose momentum and start playing at their level," said Wardrop '03, "But we were able to play our game and to set up some really nice hits." The Big Blue will travel to Loomis on Saturday for their second game of the season.

Athlete Of The Week

Taryn Zucker '03

"Although [Zucker] hardly gets any glory because she only sets up the plays, her role is crucial."

—Coach Clyfe Beckwith

by Kristina Chang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

In high school volleyball, most varsity caliber players typically serve three to five straight points. Ten points... that's excellent. Twelve points... that's amazing. Fifteen points... that's unbelievable.

Believe it or not, Taryn Zucker '03 did just that in last Saturday's hotly contested match against Choate, one of the best teams in the New England Prep League. Because her extraordinary performance enabled Andover to defeat the Hoggers, Taryn Zucker is this week's Athlete of the Week.

Having split the first two matches, it was essential that the PA squad take the third match win. Unfortunately, the Blue were behind 11-25, and it seemed almost inevitable that the Hoggers would take the match. That is, till Taryn stepped up to serve. The fifteen straight points scored on Zucker's serve put the Big Blue in the lead 26-25.

Taryn's stellar performance inspired teammates to continue their domination, and the Andover team took the win 30-26. The Big Blue ended up winning the game 3-2. The victory was crucial as Zucker stated, "Beating Choate really advanced our status in the league."

About her performance last weekend, Taryn commented, "We came ready to play because we knew Choate was such a good team. Not only did we communicate well, we also played really well." In addition to playing well, Zucker also admits to having a few superstitions such as drinking blue Gatorade and chewing gum.

Despite her stellar individual performance, Taryn also stressed that fact that volleyball is a team effort. She stated that everything must fall into place for the team to succeed. If one person plays poorly, then the entire team will play poorly. For example, if the setters don't set the ball, the spikers can't hit the ball.

The win was especially rewarding after the team's tough loss to Loomis. Zucker asserted, "We keep being better than the teams we lose to. I think we went into the game really determined to win."

Raised in Gilford, New Hampshire, Taryn began playing volleyball in sixth grade. Zucker quickly proved herself to be a skilled player. In seventh and eighth grade, Taryn played at the Junior Olympics. After middle school, however, Zucker took a break from volleyball to pursue her budding acting career. Zucker came to Andover as a new upper, at which time she took up the game again.

Although this is only Taryn's second year on the team, she has already earned a tremendous amount of respect from coach Clyfe Beckwith. Beckwith commented, "Taryn's gung ho and high spirited. She's got a very competitive edge, which probably comes from the fact that she plays hockey." On her skill Beckwith added, "Taryn contributes to the offense by setting up our plays. Although she hardly gets any glory because she only sets up the play, her role is crucial. Without setters like Taryn, we would have no offense."

Teammates also commend Taryn for her ability to help the team on and off the court. Co-Captain Justine Wardrop '03 had nothing but praise for Zucker: "Taryn's carefree attitude and humor really help lift the team's spirit when we're not playing well. Her energy and effort is appreciated by all." Starting mid-blocker Mimi Hanley '04 added, "Taryn works really hard. She always has a strong motivational drive to win."

The respect goes both ways as Taryn commented, "My teammates and Clyfe are so supportive. We also have a JV team that comes out to watch our games and cheers for us. Their spirit and those of younger players on varsity make me look favorably upon the future."

Taryn, always a jokester, has been known to say, "Oh my God, I'm so good," after making a stellar play. And this week, we all must agree. Taryn is so good.

Volleyball Saved by Bell; Fire Alarm Sounds Win

by Danny Dumond
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	3
Choate	2

Andover	3
Cushing	0

There is only one word that can describe Andover's Volleyball team: amazing. The Blue began to dominate this week, starting on Saturday with Choate and ending strong on Wednesday with Cushing.

Despite the two-hour ride to Choate, the girls came out fresh. In the first game, Choate's hard serves proved to be a problem, but Andover fought it out until the end. It took Andover a little while to get used to the confusing court lines and to the whistle coming from the JV court, but the team adjusted well. Nevertheless, they lost 26-30.

In the second game, Andover rallied back strongly. Choate just couldn't seem to break through, as Mimi Hanley '04, Jessie Daigneault '04, Dorothy Voorhees '04, and Erin O'Hern '03 consistently blocked Choate's hits. Finally recovered from an ankle injury, O'Hern bounced right back into action at the net. Her presence on the court and her nonstop chatter had been sorely missed. Some great plays in the front row and some great tips by Daigneault and Hanley won the second game for Andover 30-24.

The third game started off poorly for the Big Blue. Choate's serving again tore apart Andover's serve-receives, as ball after ball was shanked off the court or allowed to drop in. Andover struggled with communication and defense as Choate racked up the points. Things were looking grim for the Andover team. The score was 12-25 and it was time for Taryn Zucker '03 to serve.

Zucker has always had a killer serve, but no one was ready for what happened next. The change began gradually. Zucker served an ace, and then another one, and then another. Even when Choate was able to receive Taryn's serve, Andover's defense was there to pick up the ball and hit it back at them. The Blue began to have hope again. Taryn's rally turned from 8 points to 10 and then to 15 points. When Choate was finally able to break Zucker's serve, the score was 27-26, Andover. In rally scoring, where any little mistake is a point for the other team, a rally of 15 points in a row is unheard of. Andover went on to win the third game 30-26 in one of the most amazing comebacks ever seen in Andover volleyball.

Ecstatic from their come-from-behind win, Andover was not ready for Choate's fury in the fourth game. The same three players from Choate caused problems for Andover's serve-receives. Unfortunately, the Big Blue fell to Choate in a disappointing 13-30, meaning that the game was thrust into the fifth and final 15-point game.

The fifth game began intensely. Choate remained a serving powerhouse and even began to hit harder than Andover had seen in the last four games. The score was 3-7, with Choate leading, when Andover called a time-out. It seemed as though Andover was losing its focus and the game. Some divine intervention, however, occurred just as the two teams were stepping back onto the court. The fire alarm went off.

After exchanging some puzzled looks, the players were all herded outside, court shoes, spandex and all, and forced to wait while they checked out the alarm. This little "intermission" was just what Andover needed to refocus. When the team was finally let back in, and the alarm was finally turned off, the balls started to drop on Choate's side. At one point, the score was 12-14, Choate, leaving Choate just one point from victory. Andover, however, wasn't going to give in so soon.

Justine Wardrop '03 solemnly walked back to the service line. One missed serve from her would mean the end of the game. Yet, with nerves of steel, Wardrop mustered four beautiful serves, and Andover attacked with all their strength. Andover won the game 16-14 in one of the closest, most exciting games ever remembered. Andover was able to drive home triumphant once again.

On Wednesday, Andover faced Cushing. Compared to Saturday's game, the game against Cushing was more like serving practice. In the first game Zucker again was a serving machine, cranking out 11 points in a row. Cushing, although with a strong block in the middle, was otherwise unable to compete at Andover's level. The Big Blue won the first two games 30-13.

The score of the third game was a little bit closer due mostly to the fact that no one was where they were used to playing, but Andover won easily 30-21, sealing Cushing's fate.

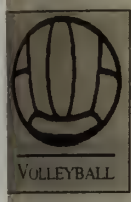
The Blue face Hopkins on Saturday and Exeter on Wednesday in a game that should prove to test the team's ability.

Powerful Purple Penguins Fall to PA Volleyball in 3

by Danny Dumond
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	3
N.M.H.	1
Andover	3
Cushing	0

Andover's volleyball team proved this week that even its worst days are good enough to rack up the wins. In some mentally tough games, Andover defeated both former rival NMH and the purple Cushing. Last year's match against NMH ended as one of PA's closest, most gut-wrenching games of the year. After losing some of their key players, however, this season's Hogger's squad proved to be no real match for the Big Blue.



With sleep dust still in their eyes, Andover was faced with a rude awakening as NMH began to hit their holes. The off speed hits were much different than the bullets Andover had seen against teams such as Loomis or Exeter, and at first it seemed as if PA were glued to the court. Balls were dropping all over the court and Andover's serves just didn't go over the net. Andover's serve receive, a definite weakness for the team, just didn't want to work. Before Andover even realized what was going on, NMH pulled out a win 19-30.

Phillips had been making errors in areas that had never before been a problem. Coach Clyfe Beckwith made some adjustments to the lineup for the second game, and the team charged the court; finally, it seemed like Andover had woken up. Serves began to go in, hits were executed, and passes finally came up to the setter. Although Andover was still not playing at its best, they managed to win 30-21.

Andover finally came to play in the third game. In a minor mix-up of rotation, Shanshan Jiang '03 began serving for the Big Blue instead of Taryn Zucker '03. This position change turned out to be key for Andover's success, as Jiang served nine points in a row to start off the game. Mimi Hanley '04 and Jessie Daigneault '04 began swinging away at the ball, and the poor NMH back row watched in disbelief as the ball slammed onto the court. Very few balls got around Andover's block, but those that did were instantly picked up by the waiting defensive players. With some awesome hustle in the back row by both Justine Wardrop '03 and Lauren Cantwell '05, the Big Blue simply dominated the third game. Andover won with their biggest point difference yet this season, 30-10.

The fourth game began slowly. NMH surprised Andover by showing little effect of their huge loss in the third game, winning a lot of points. With more service errors than usual, Andover began to get frustrated. Hits were going long and passes were getting caught up in the net. Andover, however, proved its tenacity in the end when they took the game 30-23. Although a very ugly game, the end result was all that mattered, and Andover triumphed.

On Wednesday, Andover headed out to play the Purple Penguins of Cushing Academy. The team was hamstrung due to the loss of starter and outstanding setter Devon Dickerson '04 due to a musical commitment. The team was forced into playing a 5-1 rotation, with remaining setter Zucker setting all the way around. Despite having to adjust to the switch, Andover still managed to come out strong.

The first game was beautiful. Andover was serving, hitting, and passing perfectly. Cushing couldn't pick up any of PA's hits and couldn't receive any of their serves. Lauren Cantwell '05 continuously hit kills down the line in her best game of the season. Andover was on fire, as even Erin O'Hern '03 got to come in and serve for the first time all season. The senior entered the game and rallied up five straight points. The team completely crushed Cushing 30-9.

Clyfe now began to play around with the rotation. Jane

Continued on Page B6, Column 6

PA VOLLEYBALL BOUNCES BACK WITH TWO WINS

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

Park '05 replaced Danny Dumond '03 as Libero and Dorothy Voorhees '04 came in for Erin O'Hern '03. Shanshan Jiang '03 came in for Justine Wardrop '03 as outside hitter. The team's passing was not as consistent as it was in the first game, but the team made up for it in hits and superb sets by Zucker. Cushing managed to sneak into the game a little, but Andover still won 30-18.

The third and final game gave Andover a bit of a scare. The rotation was again switched around and Cassie Tognoni '05 came in to hit middle. Cushing began to hit the back line, and Andover simply could not pick up the balls. Stupid mistakes in communication and in service made the score of the game much closer than either of the previous two. In the end, however, Andover triumphed 30-23. "The first game was a perfect symphony, but the in the second and third, the woodwinds messed up," humorously commented Wardrop '03.

Andover's record is now 5-2 in league. The team looks forward to playing some lower ranked teams in the next two weeks before they face undefeated archrival Exeter in just over two weeks.

Volleyball Spikes Deerfield, SPS; Hanley, Daigneault, Dickerson Named All-Stars

by Danny Dumond
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	3
Deerfield	0
Andover	3
St. Paul's	0

PA's Varsity Girls Volleyball squad got a little bit of everything in their undefeated week, both on and off the court. This week the team remained warm, dry, and of course triumphant. With no rain, no freezing weather, two wins, and even a friendly visit from the Speedo-clad waterpolo team, one could say that the Big Blue had it pretty good this past week.

VOLLEYBALL

The week began with an energetic game against Deerfield during Parents' Weekend. With families filling the bleachers, the PA team began warm-ups, and waited... and waited. While Deerfield battled traffic, the Andover boys' waterpolo team decided to show its support of volleyball by running through the gym wearing their Speedos. Assistant Coach Flavia Vidal's 5-year-old son keenly observed that, "Those boys weren't wearing any clothes!" Finally, Deerfield arrived, and the game began.

With more fans than volleyball had seen all season, the team began strongly. Middles Mimi Hanley '04 and Jessie Daigneault '04 could not be stopped as they slammed the ball down on the opponents' side. Outside hitter Lauren Cantwell '05 proved her skill with perfect form and near perfect execution. Everyone seemed to be hitting their stride and as a result, the fans became even louder. The team worked like a well-oiled machine in front of the adoring parents. Big Blue completely dominated the game, and won 30-13.

The second game began equally as strong. Jane Park '05 made some awesome saves on the few balls that actually got through Andover's solid block by Daigneault and Erin O'Hern '03. Outsides Wardrop and Shanshan Jiang '03 consistently found the holes in Deerfield's defense as Andover again displayed its tremendous skill. The team solidly beat Deerfield again 30-13.

The third and final game proved the depth of Andover's team. All-Star Mimi Hanley sat out as Cassie Tognoni '05 stepped up to the middle. Her superb blocking and hitting really made her an asset to the team. Deerfield continued to make mistakes in defense as Andover again took control of the game.

The match ended with a 30-15 win in the game and a 3-0 final decision.

F.Wang/*The Phillipian*

Mimi Hanley '04 slams the ball past a Deerfield setter in Saturday's match.

On Wednesday, Andover traveled to St. Paul's for their last away game of the regular season. Although the team was a little skeptical of St. Paul's "bubbly" court, and the "uninformed" refs, the team began upbeat.

St. Paul's proved that they were not a team to be taken lightly as Andover soon found out. The Pelicans hustled for every ball, and picked up most of Andover's strong hits. Andover had trouble with St. Paul's off-speed hits and "bloopers" into the middle. The team's strong hits were simply not making the points that they usually did. At one point, St. Paul's was up 20-25. The Big Blue, however, pulled through in a heart stopping comeback to win 31-29. Afterwards, Coach Clyfe Beckwith commented, "I

Continued on Page 9, Column 3

PA VOLLEYBALL ADDS ANOTHER TWO VICTORIES

BECKWITH OPTIMISTIC

Captains Wardrop, Dumond Lead Andover

Continued from Page 12, Column 6

was about to pop my jugular."

The second game proved equally intense. Andover could not seem to pull it together. Passes were being shanked and balls were coming over unexpectedly.

With the help of some questionable calls by the indecisive refs, St. Paul's led for most of the game. The end of the game, however, eerily similar to game one as Andover was down 20-25, and with some brute force came back to win 31-29.

Finally, in the third game, Andover decided to give Beckwith's heart a rest.

The team came out strong and finally started hitting the holes. With some great serving by Hanley '04, Andover took an early 11-point lead. Andover's passes became more consistent, and their hits were finally scoring points. Andover won the match in the third game with a score of 30-19. The orchestra was again malfunctioning.

The team now has a record of 7-2 in league. They look forward to tonight's game against NMH and their rematch against Exeter a week from Saturday.

"We really, really want to beat Exeter," said Erin O'Hern '03. "We all really want to see Clyfe [show his Andover spirit by dying his] hair blue."

PA Girls Volleyball Loses to Rival Exeter by Two Points in Nailbiter

by Danny Dumond
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter	3
Andover	2
Taft	3
Andover	0

The Girls' Volleyball team set and spiked their way to an admirable season's end this week. Andover finished its season in the quarterfinals of the end of season tournament with a tough loss to Taft. PA was ranked sixth going into the tournament, but was predicted to do well. Unfortunately, fate was not on Andover's side this week as they lost a close game to Exeter and suffered a blow from Taft on Wednesday to end their season.

On Saturday, Andover faced the undefeated Exeter squad for the second time this season. Although Andover had not performed well against the Big Red last time the two teams met, the Big Blue had high hopes for their last home match of the season.

The gym was packed. Bright yellow caution tape surrounded the court and kept fans from getting in the way of the game. "I kinda feel like we're in a zoo," commented manager Francesco Cremonesi '03, "We're stuck in this cage and everyone else is here to point and watch." At first, Exeter fans greatly outnumbered Andover ones. A great sea of red filled the stands behind the bench. The Blue Keys, however, pulled it out in the end, and soon a sea of blue fans stood opposite the Exies. With every point causing roars of applause and rolls of the drums, the intensity level in the gym soared.

The first game began well. Andover was simply "on." Each and every ball Exeter hit was dutifully picked up by an Andover player. Mimi Hanley '04 was unstoppable at the net, and Lauren Cantwell '05 continuously made perfect passes to the setter. Andover led for most of the game, but Exeter began to creep up in the end. The Big Blue finally pulled out a win 30-27.

Andover was pumped. The team had seen what they were capable of doing, and they were now ready to do it again. The second game got off to a bang. Jessie Daigneault '04 began with a series of bullet serves that gave Andover an early lead. Again Andover was unstoppable in the back row. Even with usual back row player, Danny Dumond '03 out with a broken ankle, the team managed to get a hand on every ball. Andover hustled after every shanked ball and made some miraculous saves that helped to boost morale. The Big Blue totally dominated the second game, winning 30-17.

For some reason, Andover simply lost it in the third game. Their defense suddenly developed holes that hadn't been there in the first two games. Andover's serves also suffered more than usual, giving Exeter unearned points. Exeter's outside hitter began hitting a mean crosscourt shot that Andover just could not seem to pick up. Exeter refused to lose so easily, and Andover lost 22-30.

The fourth game was ugly. Andover could not seem to string passes together. It was like a different team had taken the court. Exeter dominated the game, and Andover seemed to lose hope. Again Exeter found holes in PA's defense and exploited the Big Blue's weaknesses. The game ended badly 17-30.

The final fifth game was intense. Andover was determined to bounce back and claim their victory. The shortened game was relatively close, with Andover leading for most of the game. With the score at 14-13, Andover made a play, and thought that they had won the game. The ref, however, changed his call and play continued with the score tied at 14-14. Despite Andover's heroic efforts, they lost the next two consecutive points ending the game 14-16.

J.Ng/*The Phillipian*

Lauren Cantwell '05 prepares to bump the ball.

Although Andover was understandably upset with victory so close, the team overall felt that it was a good game. On Wednesday, Andover traveled to Loomis to play Taft in the quarterfinals of the end of season tournament.The first game did not go well for Andover. The team's serves were unusually inconsistent, and the girls could not seem to effectively hit the ball. Taft had a strong outside hitter, but in reality, it was Andover's mistakes, and not Taft's abilities that defeated Andover. Andover fell behind early on and could not catch up in the end. They lost 21-30.

In the second game it seemed as if Andover had finally gotten their act together. The refs, however, proved to be a difficulty. They both made some questionable calls that cost Andover some key points. Taryn Zucker '03 said, "I attribute part of our loss to the questionable calls." The tiny gym also did not help Andover's play, as some of the girls had difficulty finding room to serve behind the line. Although it looked like Andover would take the second game, Taft made some key plays at the last minute and won 29-31.

In the third game Andover continued to struggle with the refs and with serves. Hitting, usually Andover's strength, also suffered as Andover just could not seem to keep the ball in. Andover's hitters hit ball after ball into the net or past the back line with what seemed like an excess of nervous energy. Andover ended its season with a loss of 22-30.

Although Andover did not go as far as they had hoped in the tournament, their season was a great success nonetheless. The team reached a level of play never seen before at Andover. The girls all worked hard all season, and it really showed. "It just seemed like everyone was having a bad day all at the same time," said Lauren Cantwell '05, "I know that we could have gone all the way. It was just a matter of whether or not we were on a good day or not."

SPORT:__Boys Waterpolo____

YEAR:__2002-2003___

CAPTAIN: Eugene Hill

MANAGER: Kate Page '04, Emily Brenner '06

COACH: Chad Stern

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Jeffery Maitz

SEASON RECORD

WON___6___**LOST**____10____**TIED**___0_____

Letter Winners

Anderson, Robert
Chung, Eric
Hill, Eugene
Kalani, Lalit
Kaufman, Bryce
Kelly, John
Lesnick, Thomas
Morse, David
Neuwirth, James
Randt, Paull
Stroble, Aaron
Whalen, Peter

Boys Waterpolo

			PA	OPP
Sat. 9/14/2002	(A)	LOOMIS/NMH/HOPKINS	1	10
			9	3
Wed. 9/18/2002	(H)	EXETER	4	14
Sat. 9/21/2002	(A)	LOOMIS	4	14
Wed. 9/25/2002	(H)	ST. JOHN'S PREP	2	15
Sat. 9/28/2002	(H)	SUFFIELD/NMH	1	14
			12	6
Sat. 10/5/2002	(A)	CHOATE	5	10
Sat. 10/12/2002	(H)	WILLISTON NO.HAMPTON	11	12
Wed. 10/16/2002	(H)	ST. JOHN'S PREP	2	32
Sat. 10/19/2002	(A)	N.M.H.	9	5
Sat. 10/26/2002	(H)	DEERFIELD	6	8
Wed. 10/30/2002	(A)	EXETER	2	16
Sat. 11/2/2002	(A)	HOTCHKISS	3	14
Sat. 11/9/2002	(A)	INTERSCHOLS		
		Choate	7	10
		Deerfield PA	5	9

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts
Boys Waterpolo
2002

Player's Name	Year	Cap Number	Home Town
Anthony Green	05	1	Marina Bay, MA
John Kelly	04	1	New York, NY
James Neuwirth	06	2	Ross, CA
Peter Accomondo	05	3	Andover, MA
Tom Lesnick	05	4	Williamsburg, VA
Paull Randt	04	5	Beijing, China
Peter Whalen	04	6	San Juan Capistrano, CA
Aaron Stroble	04	7	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Eric Chung	03	8	Andover, MA
David Hill (Captain)	03	9	Prides Crossing, MA
Robert Anderson	06	11	Orinda, CA
Garrett Kirk	04	12	Boston, MA
Lalit Kalani	03	13	Bombay, India
David Morse	04	16	Atyrau, Kazakhstan
Bryce Kaufman	03	18	New Canaan, CT
Jeffery Cutts	06	21	Andover, MA
Yusuke Uchiyama	05		Cincinnati, OH
Jeffery Zhou	06		Getzville, NY

Coach: Chad Stern
Assistant: Jeffery Maitz
Manager: Kate Page'04
Emily Brenner '06

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Manager: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller, M.D.

9/28

Water Polo Sweeps Pair of Weekend Matches

Andover took two of two this past weekend with water polo victories over visitors Northfield-Mt. Hermon and Suffield Academy. In the first game of the day, Andover faced off with Suffield Academy. Aaron Stroble led the way in one of his most dominating performances of the season, scoring 6 times on nine shots. Senior and Captain David Hill played one of his best games of the season to date as well, scoring twice and playing a solid hole defense. Seniors Bryce Kaufman and Eric Chung, as well as Upper Dave Morse had a goal each to round out the scoring. Eric Chung had a breakout game, playing tremendous defense and using his speed to lead the fast break. Upper Jed Kelly made six saves in goal, but did his real work with tremendous passing on the break to create scoring chances and allow Andover to control the game. In the afternoon's second game, Andover was matched with NMH. Again it was Stroble who led the way in scoring with four goals, while Dave Hill contributed two. Dave Morse continued to show why he is in the starting line-up with two goals of his own. Morse has improved steadily as the season has progressed. Lower Tom Lesnick scored his first two goals of the season in what was far and away his best game to date. Junior Jamie Neuwirth continued his steady play, scoring once and playing solid defense. With so many young players beginning to step up, Andover Waterpolo is picking up steam. Next weekend the team travels to Choate for what should be a significant test for this up and coming young team.

Eight Phillips Varsity Athletic Teams Prepare for their Fall 2002 Campaigns; Both Cross-Country Teams Look to Attack Exeter

BOYS WATER POLO

Ah, the smell of chlorine and the glow of the pool lights off the water. It's that time yet again; preparations are already being made for Andover's Big Blue Water Polo squad to return to campus. The Speedos are being bought, the waters being cleaned, and the team looks to another year as another chance to capture interscholastic glory. The Prep league, which will suffer from the graduations of many key swimmers, both from Andover and elsewhere, may turn into an absolute free for all. The Big Blue hope they can be more than just another team in that wet mess. Captain David Hill '03 runs a tight ship, so to speak, for Andover Boys Water Polo. "He knows his stuff," said Senior Bryce Kaufman, "and he'll be able to lead by example and hard work."

Traditionally a strong defensive and tactical team, the Big Blue hope that their offense can match. "I think we may be one of the smaller teams in terms of size," conceded Kaufman, "but we've also got some very fast swimmers, and we may be able to use our speed and defense to fight our way to the top." The team lost a few key starters, but do return much of last year's lineup. The players can expect to see many familiar faces bobbing in the water as they progress through the season. A very underrated influence on the team is chemistry. "We have a solid group of starters who've been playing together for the past three years," noted Kaufman, a member of that group, along with other Eric Chung '03, Aaron Stroble '04, and Paull Randt '04, as well as Captain Hill. Star JV goalie, Anthony Green '05 will step up to the big team, and his quick maturation is vital to the team's success. In such an even the league, every game will be meaningful and close, but most importantly exciting.

Last Year's Seniors Sorely Missed; PA Water Polo 1-2

by Peter Accomando
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	9
Hopkins	3
Loomis	12
Andover	2
Exeter	14
Andover	4

You do not need to worry about all that splashing you hear in the pool, no one is drowning. The Water Polo guys are just really excited about this year's team. With seven varsity athletes from the class of 2002 gone, the team was looking for some fresh faces. Most notably, Jed Kelly '04 walked in to the starting goalie spot. Thankfully, most of the team was able to get to pre-season practice and the team bonded well.

Andover Water Polo exploded into their season with two games at Loomis Chaffee School. The team played Loomis then Hopkins.

The Loomis Chaffee was fast and furious, making it hard for Andover to keep up. New players were just learning the game and some returning players were stilling trying to get their groove back. Sorely missing last year's varsity stars, namely captain Jon Lo, and four-year goalie Adam Arguelles, the team looked to the new seniors for support. Despite the hard play of Captain Dave Hill, Loomis was just too much.

Loomis got off to an early lead, as they scored the first two goals in the game. Aaron Stroble scored the first goal for Andover at the last minute of the first quarter, putting the Big Blue back in the game. The Loomis team was too fast, and most of all too big. Loomis scored twice in the second, three times in the third and added three more goals in the fourth to finish the game.

Refusing to give up, Andover got ready for the next game, against Hopkins. The buzzer rang and Andover's sprinter Eric Chung was off. The team recovered the ball and went into Hopkins territory. The ball landed in junior Rob Anderson's hands and he reared back and fired, netting a quick first goal for Andover. Later, Andover scored again on an Aaron Stroble backhand shot just as the first quarter ended. Dave Hill scored the third goal to put Andover in a steady lead. Just after that, the team was in trouble as a foul forced Andover into man-down defense. Hopkins scored their first goal, serving notice to Andover that they would not give up. A costly Andover turnover lead to a Hopkins fast break. The Hopkins player splashed down the pool, and another goal made it a one-point game. Kaufman added another goal, upping Andover' advantage.

The second half began strong as a Dave Hill goal made it 5 to 2. However, Hopkins countered with a goal of their own, forcing the team's attention back to the game. The two teams battled for a goal until finally Dave Hill scored again for Andover. A while later Hill struck again to make the score 7-3. Andover just needed to hold off for another five minutes to have their first win. Goalie John Kelly, who had played for seven straight quarters, came out and Anthony Green, Lower sensation, went into goal to finish the game. Hole-man Aaron Stroble scored twice in the last quarter, (both he and Dave Hill had hat tricks) making the score 9-3. Many JV players went in to finish the game and JV hole Lalit scored his first goal of the season against a Varsity goalie.

On Wednesday, the team had a home game against Exeter. Unfortunately, this game ended in an Andover defeat, 14-4. As the Big Blue warmed up, everyone stared in horror as the 45 water polo players from Exeter marched into the gym. Quite a site to see, as Exeter's team dwarfed the Andover contingent. The game began, as Exeter netted a goal in the first 12 seconds. Another one quickly followed making it 2-0 in the first minute and a half. Andover went scoreless in the first as Exeter jumped out to a six-point lead. Aaron Stroble scored in the second quarter making it only a five-point lead, but it was too little too late. Three more Exeter goals, one of which came during an Andover man-down, ended the first half, making the score 9-1.

The second half started out almost as bad as the first. Exeter scored the first goal. Andover never gave up though; they played each quarter harder and harder. Exeter had only scored two more goals as the third quarter ended. If only the game had started in the fourth quarter. The Boys exploded as the game wound down. When Exeter went into a man down, Hill took advantage, scoring yet another goal. But Exeter answered back with two more goals. The Andover team, although practically defeated, kept on playing. Stroble scored again for Andover with a backhand shot and this tied the fourth quarter goal tally. With just less than thirty seconds left, Andover fought hard to win the fourth quarter. Kelly scooped up a loose ball, and fired it down pool to the sprinting Aaron Stroble for a last second goal to win the fourth quarter. Pride restored Andover still lost the game, 14 to 4. A tough week for the boys of the pool, but the team must look ahead. Hard work and effort will take this team to where it wants to be.

Varsity Boys Water Polo Sinks in Enormous Choate Pool; Team Regroups for Williston

by Peter Accomando
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Choate	**9**
Andover	**5**

Last Saturday, the Water Polo team journeyed to Connecticut for a perennially tough game against Choate. Although Andover played well against Choate on Saturday, the Hoggers managed to pound the Blue with a 9-5 victory. The varsity players were disappointed with their loss, but were happy to see the JV team play a tough game and come out on top. Choate was an honorable opponent, but Andover feels the Big Blue should have had a more successful day.

The Varsity game was filled with man up situations, man downs, kick outs, and angry frowns. PA was up early again as Dave Morse '04 scored on an Andover man up offense. Choate, however, answered right back with a goal on a PA man-down. These penalties began to hurt Andover as another man down led to another Choate goal to end the first quarter. In the second quarter, Andover, now shooting on the deep end, was losing their intensity. As Choate's fastest players sped down the pool, PA's only defense was to reach over the opponent's head and try to swipe the ball. This plan proved unsuccessful, causing more penalties, and a man-down situation, leading to a Choate goal. Finally Aaron Stroble's efforts led to a goal. Nevertheless, Choate again answered with a goal (the first one they scored that wasn't during a man down). Choate scored one last goal when Andover Coach Chad Stern called a time out. Chad gave the team a rest, riled the team up, and sent them out to do battle with the Hoggers. The team shut out Choate for the rest of the half.

In the second half Andover was intense, quick, and ready to win. Stroble swam heatedly down the pool and scored one for the good guys. Choate's tenacious offense continued to press, however, Jed Kelly '04 played extremely well in goal. On one play, Kelly fired it down the pool but alas, his strong goalie shot did not go in. Then the PA defense slipped a little and allowed Choate to score a goal. But Paul Randt '04 and Dave Hill '03 scored two more goals for Andover to finish the quarter. The score: 6-5 Choate, Andover was catching up.

Andover, however, burned out in the last quarter. When Stroble was ejected in a terrible call, the Choate team scored the first goal of the 4th. Choate scored again when the Andover team gave up swimming halfway down the pool; PA looked a little lethargic. Later in the quarter, while Choate was set up on offense, their shot clock ran out. But for some reason play continued, and Choate scored another goal. The refs allowed what was a questionable all. Now, with a score of 8-5, and the Big Blue's lead scorer out of the game, Andover gave up. The final score was 9-5. This makes the season tally 4-4.

JV then hopped into the pool for what was to be an exciting game. Everyone managed to get in the pool and the real JV players played most of the game. Even Peter Accomando '05 got to play for a majority of the game. Choate played a good game, but lacked the intensity of the Big Blue. Andover won 13-8.

The first half Andover came out guns blazing. Lalit Kalani '03 racked up a few goals as did Peter Stetson '03, Rob Anderson '06, Jamie Neuwirth '06, Garrett Kirk '04, and Peter Whalen '04. The team came out hard in the first quarter and only allowed one Choate goal. They were less intimidating in the second though as they let Choate's speed nearly overpower them as they allowed four more goals. The first half score was 6-5 Andover.

Andover, embarrassed from letting Choate score so many goals in the second quarter, began the third with renewed vigor. Lalit Kalani had a number of goals, including a few backhand shots. The team worked hard and the JV victory lifted the spirits of everyone as they ate cookies and cupcakes provided by the team's biggest supporters, the mothers.

In other news, the team got two more players this week as Yusuke Uchiyama '05, and Jeff Zhou '06 came off the injured list. The team is very excited to have these motivated players. The team's strongest attribute is its sense of unity, which makes for improved game play. The team looks to rack up another point in the win column against Williston North Hampton on Saturday.

J. Ng/ *The Phillipian*

Bryce Kaufman '03 under pressure from an N.M.H. player, tosses the ball up the pool.

Boys Water Polo Floats Past N.M.H., Chung Stars

by Peter Accomando
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**11**
N.M.H.	**6**

Boys' Waterpolo took the NMH team to the farm to teach them a lesson they would never forget. Rounding up the Hoggers, the Big Blue emerged victorious 11-6. Not only did three JV players step up to play varsity, eight of PA's key players had woken up early to take the PSAT's. Even with sleep deprived players, the ever improving Andover team squashed NMH without hesitation. Playing in front of an enthusiastic NMH audience, the Big Blue was not intimidated. Not only did the Big Blue take the win in the varsity game, they also sealed a victory in the JV game, with a score of 9-5.

Starting hole-man Aaron Stroble '04 was especially excited about the team's win: "There were two main things that were very exciting about the game. The first was the team's pressured defense on the ball. What was most impressive was the manner by which Bryce Kaufman '03 stepped it up in the fourth quarter to enable us to take the win."

Although NMH won the sprint, the Big Blue remained tenacious, fighting to win back possession. Senior starter Bryce Kaufman did just that, quickly using his defense skills to return the ball to Jed Kelly '04, Andover's starting goalie. Kelly's inexperience showed as he accidentally sent the ball to a player under pressure. Because the receiver was under pressure, he was unable to keep possession of the ball. Players from both teams made a ferocious rush for the ball. It was Dave Morse '04 who skillfully grabbed the ball, slowly advancing down the pool in an attempt to psych out the NMH goalie. Morse faked out the goalie to fire the ball against the orange netting. Eric Chung '03 and Jamie Neuwirth '06 followed Morse's lead, each tallying one goal by the conclusion of the first quarter. Kelly made up for his small blunder at the beginning of the game by making five spectacular saves within the first six minutes of the game.

The NMH team planned to make a comeback in the second quarter, as they held the advantage of shooting in the shallow end. Defending in the deep end, Kelly knew that he would have to step it up so that the Blue would be able to keep their lead. Although sloppy, the NMH team managed to play a hard offense, allowing them to catch up to the PA team. Even though Andover kept the ball in the offensive end for a good portion of the quarter, they weren't able to fire off enough shots.

Late in the quarter, the refs blew their whistles three times, signifying a kick out on Andover. To add to the problem, no one knew who had been kicked out. Junior Jamie Neuwirth thought it was he who had been ejected, so he stepped out of play; however, he never made it to the penalty zone. After much confusion, Andover somehow regained possession and began executing their offense. After a few quick passes, Andover skillfully scored their first goal of the second quarter. Playing against an exhausted Andover team, NMH scored the last point of the half.

In the next quarter Andover came back hard, swimming faster and shooting with more precision. Kelly remained on top of his game, saving two of the four NMH shots. Paull Randt '04 scored for Andover early in the third. Chung followed with a second goal, to bring the score to 6-2. Sloppy defense by the PA squad allowed NMH to score two more goals. For the rest of the quarter, both teams played a tight defense, resulting in numerous turnovers. Coaches Chad Stern and Jeff Maitz made sure that the players realized they had not sealed a victory yet. The score stood Andover 6 NMH 4, meaning NMH could still conceivably make a comeback.

PA remained ferocious for the remainder of the match. Andover played a tight defense and aggressive offense. Although Kelly made no saves in the fourth, it was partly because NMH only took a few shots. Chung netted one goal and Captain Dave Hill '03 added two goals to bring the final tally to 11-6.

Andover will face Deerfield tomorrow in front of a home crowd at the Borden pool. PA will look to extend their winning streak against the Big Green.

Inside The Phillipian

J. LeSaffre/*The Phillipian*

Aaron Stroble '04 helped lead the Big Blue to a crushing of NMH on Saturday. See article on p. B3.

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Peter Stetson '03, looks to pass to another member of the Big Blue Boys Waterpolo team.

Water Polo Seeks Victory, But Finds Only Heartbreak

by Peter Accomando
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Choate	**10**
Andover	**7**
Deerfield	**9**
Andover	**5**

It was no day at the beach for the Andover Boys' Water Polo team. They were seeded seventh before the weekend, but the boys had hopes of landing in the fifth seat by the end of their last tournament. Choate hosted Interschols this year. Andover, who has no deep end in their 25 yard long six lane pool, was uncomfortable in Choate's massive 25 yard, eight lane pool that had hardly any shallow end at all. PA was in the B tournament, playing Choate first. After losing to Choate 10-7, the boys faced off with Deerfield, a team they had lost to earlier in the season, but only by the slim margin of two points. The team tried their hardest against the Men in Green, but the boys' usual intensity and passion were not present, and Big Blue lost that game 9-5. Saddened and disappointed the team ended their season in eighth place with a final record of 6 and 10.

As everyone got ready to go to the football games and other sports events the Speedo toting squad boarded their bus to Choate. They "enjoyed" the haul up and could not have been more excited for their big day when the bus finally pulled to a stop in Wallingford, Connecticut. Dave Hill '03 led the team on the final warm up of the season. For seniors like Eric Chung '03, Bryce Kaufman '03, and Lalit Kalani '03, this would be their last day of Phillips Academy Water Polo, and for some, their last day of polo ever. Everyone knew that their first game would be tough, playing Choate. Finally the game began and the fate played itself out.

The game started off slower than usual, as there was a dearth of goals for the first few minutes. Finally though, Choate put the first and second goals into the back of the net. Captain Hill countered for the good guys, slicing the Choate lead in half. This uneventful first quarter was just the beginning of what would be an especially long and excruciating game for the Big Blue. The second quarter started with another Choate goal, but Aaron Stroble '04 scored the boys' second goal. Choate fought back with two strong offensive attacks, each ending with a goal. Junior Rob Anderson, who didn't want to fail his senior teammates, scored a big goal for PA. At the end of the half, Choate, seeing a hole in the defense, swam the ball in, passed and scored. The half ended with the score 6-3, in Choate's favor. Those three extra goals would decide the game.

Just after halftime, Andover made their strongest assault on Choate. As John Madden once said "Now, now, now, I think that the team that scores the most points, without letting the other team score, is the team that's going to win." The team took Mr. Madden's advice to heart in the third. In an attempt to take the lead before the fourth, and crush Choate's hopes of a home team victory, PA made powerful offensive moves, leaving nothing for defense, in order to get more goals. This almost worked for the team, as goals from Hill and Jamie Neuwirth '06 made the score 7-6 Choate at the end of the third. Andover paid the price for their offensive fireworks and tired from their amazing efforts needed more than the two minutes they had to rest up. The team was too tired to make an offensive move and only managed to get one goal. While the Andover defense held up for most of the fourth, the boys finally cracked in the last two minutes and let in another Choate goal. Two more Choate scores, and finally the game ended. Tired and in disbelief, the Andover boys looked up at the scoreboard to see a final of 7-10, Choate on top.

Sadly for the boys, the next game was as much of a let down as the first. The team was worn down from the first game and that bitter losing taste in the player's mouths certainly did not help. The boys prepared to face off with a Deerfield team that they had lost to a few weeks before, but they were confident that they could come away with a win. After the first quarter, PA found itself in a stalemate, 3-3. The next quarter proved to be a stand still, as a Deerfield goal and a David Morse '04 strike were the only two scores during the quarter. The teams wandered into the second half as equals, but knew that only one would make it out as the victors.

Andover's scoring drought continued into the second half and Deerfield held the boys scoreless, while netting one of their own, sending the score to 5-4. Only seven minutes remained in the season and it all came down to who would be the best under pressure. At first it seemed to be Andover, as Stroble scored early in the fourth, tying the game. However, tragedy struck the boys. An Andover boy was ejected from the game, giving Deerfield a man advantage, which eventually led to a Big Green goal. That was the last time that Andover would ever be within one point of The Big Green, as DA pulled ahead with three more goals.The final score was Deerfield:9 Andover: Heartbroken.

WATER POLO DUNKED BY DEERFIELD

EXETER ALSO TOPS BLUE

Stroble, Kaufman, Hill Look To Hotchkiss

by Peter Accomando
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Deerfield	**8**
Andover	**6**
Exeter	**16**
Andover	**2**

It was a week of anguish in the pool. If Andover Boys' Water Polo could win both games this week, they would then compete against the best teams at Interschols. They played a hard-fought game against Deerfield, one of their best match-ups this season, but unfortunately lost 8-6. The team then hiked up to Exeter on Wednesday for their second match against the red bums, and regrettably, lost that game too.

The Deerfield game started off great. Andover was ahead early after Dave Hill '03 scored the game's first goal. Deerfield fought back, answering with a goal of their own. After a scoring drought, Jamie Neuwirth '06 netted one for Andover. Again Deerfield came back with a goal. As the team grew tired, the defense became sloppy and two penalties led to two Deerfield goals. Aaron Stroble '04 scored for Andover, but again Deerfield came back with a goal. The teams exited the pool at half with the score standing 5-3, Deerfield.

Dave Hill scored immediately after the half, cutting the deficit to a goal. The boys kept attacking, taking a shot whenever

Continued on Page 9, Column 1

Big Blue JV Water Polo Drowns Exeter's JV Team

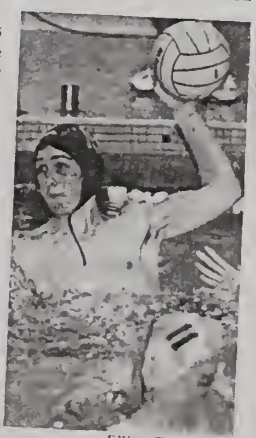
Continued from Page 12, Column 6

they could. Unfortunately the boys could not produce, while Deerfield scored again, and again, and again. Neuwirth fired the ball at the goal and scored, momentarily lifting the boys' spirits. Deerfield would not score once in the fourth quarter. Jed Kelly '04 played one of the best quarters of his career. Dave Morse scored in the fourth quarter, but his efforts were not enough to soothe the hearts of the players and the parents. To everyone's dismay, the team lost the game 6-8.

Andover Water Polo was ready to win on Wednesday, against an Exeter team who embarrassed them the last time they met, earlier in the season. In Andover's history, Exeter had always been a superior team. They have always had more experience, more skill, and more speed. This year, Andover thought they were ready for revenge. Not quite, as Andover lost 16-2.

Exeter took an early lead, scoring the first three goals of the game. Bryce Kaufman '03 struck back and scored. But Exeter came through with another four points to end the quarter. The second and third quarter, were just pure punishments. It was Exeter shot after shot after shot, and most shots found the back of the net, too. Andover could not keep up. The game ended with a Dave Hill score, followed by an Exeter point, at 16-2.

The boys also played a JV game against Exeter, and it was a great way to cheer up the players. Seeing the Varsity players of tomorrow winning is always fun. The game started out the same way as the Varsity game, with three Exeter goals. Nevertheless,



F.Wang/*The Phillipian*

Dave Morse '04 looks to pass to a teammate.

Andover came back and started to score. Nobody was worried after JV's first two goals. The team was playing with finesse. When the first quarter ended the score was 5 to 4, Exeter on top. Andover tried to pull ahead in the second quarter, but Exeter always managed to get another point in. After some points from Andover's Peter Stetson '03, Lalit Kalani '03, and an amazing half pool shot from Peter Whalen '04, the score was 7-8 at the end of half.

After scores from Rob Anderson '05 and Jamie Neuwirth '06, with a few Exeter points mixed in, the score was 10-9 Andover, with just one quarter to go. Andover's last goal came from a half pool shot by Kalani. The game ended and Andover came out victorious.

The boys no longer have a chance for a winning season, and the team is struggling to stay optimistic. Misery filled the hearts of the Varsity players.

WINTER
ATHLETIC SCHEDULE
2002 - 2003

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts

***

Martha Fenton, Director
Kate Dolan, Assistant Director
Karen Kennedy, Scheduling Office

www.andover.edu

Telephone
(978) 749-4080

2002 - WINTER ATHLETIC SCHEDULE - 2003

Saturday, November 16

HOCKEY B V	BROOKS	H	2:30

Monday, November 18

SQUASH B V	HARVARD	A	4:30

Wednesday, November 20

BASKETBALL G V	BREWSTER ACADEMY	H	3:30
HOCKEY B V	WORCESTER	H	3:15
HOCKEY G V	TOP GUN	H	5:30

Wednesday, December 4

BASKETBALL B V	ST. MARK'S	A	3:00
BASKETBALL G V	GOVERNOR OUMMER	H	3:30
HOCKEY B JV1	TOP GUN BANTAMS	H	5:30
HOCKEY B V	TILTON	H	3:30
HOCKEY G V	B.B.&N.	A	4:00
SQUASH B V	BELMONT HILL	H	3:00

Friday, December 6

BASKETBALL G V	METHUEN HS	H	3:30

Saturday, December 7

BASKETBALL B JV1	CUSHING	A	4:00
BASKETBALL B V	CUSHING	A	2:30
HOCKEY B V	ST. MARK'S	H	3:15
HOCKEY G JV	GOVERNOR OUMMER	H	1:15
HOCKEY G V	ST. MARK'S	A	2:30
SQUASH B JV1	TABOR	A	3:45
SQUASH BV	TABOR	A	3:45
SQUASH G JV1	TABOR	H	3:45
SQUASH G V	TABOR	H	3:45
SQUASH G V	MILTON	A	2:30
WRESTLING B JV	GOVERNOR OUMMER	H	2:00
WRESTLING B V	GOVERNOR OUMMER / TILTON	H	2:00

Sunday, December 8

BASKETBALL B V	POLY PREP	H	2:00

Saturday, December 14

BASKETBALL G V	HARVARD	A	6:00

Sunday, December 15

BASKETBALL G V	ANOOVER HS	H	11:00
HOCKEY B V	PINGREE	A	4:00

Monday, December 16

BASKETBALL B V	LOOMIS	A	5:30
BASKETBALL G V	LOOMIS	A	4:15
HOCKEY B V	ST. PAUL'S	H	1:30
HOCKEY G V	ANOOVER HS	H	4:20

Tuesday, December 17

BASKETBALL B V	NEW HAMPTON	H	4:30
BASKETBALL G V	NEW HAMPTON	H	2:30
HOCKEY G V	MAINE GIRLS SELECT BANTAM	H	6:30

Wednesday, December 18

HOCKEY G V	TAFT	A	5:30

Thursday, December 19

HOCKEY G V	TAFT	A	12:00

Friday, December 20

HOCKEY B V	MILTON@NOBLES	A	3:00
HOCKEY G V	TAFT	A	12:00

Saturday, December 21

HOCKEY B V	SALISBURY@MILTON	A	9:00
HOCKEY B V	OEERFIELO@MILTON	A	5:00

Sunday, December 22

HOCKEY B V	TBA@NOBLES	A	9:00

Wednesday, January 8

BASKETBALL B JV1	ANOOVER HS	H	5:00
BASKETBALL B V	HOLOERNESS	A	3:30
BASKETBALL G JV1	TABOR	H	3:30
BASKETBALL G V	TABOR	H	3:30
HOCKEY B JV1	MIOOLESEX ISLANOERS (MAJ)	H	6:15
HOCKEY B V	BRIOGTON ACAOEMY	H	5:30
HOCKEY G V	NEW HAMPTON	H	3:30
SKIING NOROIC	PUTNEY	A	2:45
SOUASH B JV1	OEERFIELO	H	3:15
SOUASH B JV2	SOUASHBUSTERS	H	4:30
SOUASH B V	OEERFIELO	H	3:15
SOUASH G V	SOUASHBUSTERS	H	4:30
SWIMMING B JV	BERWICK ACAOEMY	H	3:15
SWIMMING G JV	BERWICK ACAOEMY	H	3:15
WRESTLING B JV	WILBRAHAM & MONSON	A	4:15
WRESTLING B V	WILBRAHAM & MONSON	A	4:15

Friday, January 10

BASKETBALL B V	MILTON	A	7:00
HOCKEY G JV	GROTON	H	5:00
SQUASH B JV1	BROOKS	A	4:00
SQUASH B V	BROOKS	A	4:00
SQUASH G JV2	GROTON	A	4:30

Saturday, January 11

BASKETBALL B JV1	TABOR	A	4:00
BASKETBALL B V	TABOR	A	4:00
BASKETBALL G JV1	MILTON	H	7:00
BASKETBALL G JV2	TYNGSBORO H.S.	H	3:00
BASKETBALL G V	MILTON	H	7:00
HOCKEY B JV1	OEERFIELO	H	2:30
HOCKEY B V	EXETER	H	4:30
HOCKEY G V	ST. PAUL'S	A	3:00
SOUASH B JVI	ST. MARK'S	A	2:00
SOUASH B JV2	ST. MARK'S	A	2:00
SOUASH G V	TAFT	A	2:00
SWIMMING B JV	EXETER	H	2.30
SWIMMING B V	LOOMIS	A	3:00
SWIMMING G JV	EXETER	H	2:30
SWIMMING G V	LOOMIS	A	3:00
TRACK B V	OARTMOUTH	A	10:00
TRACK G V	OARTMOUTH	A	10:00
WRESTLING B JV	ST. PAUL'S / TOURNAMENT	A	2:30
WRESTLING B V	OEERFIELO/PCO/HYOE	A	2:00

Monday, January 13

SQUASH B JV2	BROOKS	A	3:45

Wednesday, January 15

BASKETBALL B JV1	LOWELL HS	A	3:30
BASKETBALL B JV2	N.M.H.	H	3:30
BASKETBALL B V	BREWSTER ACAOEMY	H	5:30
BASKETBALL G JV1	N.M.H.	A	4:00
BASKETBALL G JV2	N.M.H.	H	3:30
BASKETBALL G V	N.M.H.	A	4:00
HOCKEY B JV1	ST. SEBASTIANS	H	3:15
HOCKEY B V	ST. SEBASTIANS	A	4:30
HOCKEY G JV	B.B.&N.	H	5:15
HOCKEY G V	LAWRENCE ACAOEMY	A	3:00
SKIING NOROIC	CAROIGAN	A	2:45
SOUASH B JV1	CONCORO ACAOEMY	H	4:30
SOUASH B JV2	MILTON	A	3:15
SOUASH G JV1	BROOKS	H	2:45
SOUASH G JV2	MIOOLESEX	H	4:30
SOUASH G V	BROOKS	H	2:45
SWIMMING B JV	MILTON	H	3:30
SWIMMING G JV	MILTON	H	3:30
TRACK B V	TBA	H	3:30
TRACK G V	TBA	H	3:30
WRESTLING B V	WORCESTER/TABOR	A	3:00

Friday, January 17

HOCKEY B V	GOVERNOR OUMMER	H	4:15
HOCKEY G JV	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	A	5:00
HOCKEY G V	GROTON	A	4:45
SQUASH B JV2	GROTON	H	4:30

Saturday, January 18

BASKETBALL B JV1	OEERFIELO	H	2:00
BASKETBALL B JV2	OEERFIELO	H	2:00
BASKETBALL B V	CHESHIRE ACAOEMY	H	5:00
BASKETBALL G JV1	OEERFIELO	A	2:00
BASKETBALL G V	OEERFIELO	A	2:00
HOCKEY B JV1	ST. PAUL'S	H	4:30
HOCKEY B V	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	A	1:00
HOCKEY G V	BROOKS	H	2:30
SKIING NOROIC	TBA	A	11:00
SQUASH G JV1	EXETER	A	4:00
SQUASH G JV2	EXETER	A	4:00
SQUASH G V	EXETER	A	4:00
SWIMMING B V	N.M.H.	A	1:00
SWIMMING G V	N.M.H.	A	1:00
TRACK B V	YALE INVITATIONAL	A	10:00
TRACK G V	YALE INVITATIONAL	A	10:00
WRESTLING B JV	EXETER / TOURNAMENT	A	2:30
WRESTLING B V	BELMONT/LOOMIS/NH	H	3:15

Wednesday, January 22

BASKETBALL B JV1	EXETER	H	2:30
BASKETBALL B JV2	ANOOVER HS	A	4:30
BASKETBALL B V	EXETER	H	2:30
BASKETBALL G JV1	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	H	4:30
BASKETBALL G JV2	NORTH READING HS	A	2:30
BASKETBALL G V	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	H	4:30
HOCKEY B JV1	LAWRENCE ACAOEMY	H	5:00
HOCKEY B V	BREWSTER ACAOEMY	H	4:30
HOCKEY G JV	ACTON-BOXBORO	H	6:30
HOCKEY G V	CUSHING	H	2:30
SKIING NOROIC	PROCTOR	A	2:45
SOUASH B JV1	ST. PAUL'S	H	2:45
SOUASH B JV2	NEW JEWISH	H	4:45
SOUASH B V	ST. PAUL'S	H	2:45
SOUASH G JV1	GROTON	A	2:30
SOUASH G V	GROTON	A	2:30
SWIMMING G JV	WINSOR	A	3:30
TRACK B V	TBA	H	3:30
TRACK B JV	TBA	H	3:30
TRACK G V	TBA	H	3:30
TRACK G JV	TBA	H	3:30
WRESTLING B JV	NORTH ANOOVER	H	4:00
WRESTLING B V	NORTH ANOOVER	H	4:00

Friday, January 24

BASKETBALL B JV1	N.M.H.	H	6:00
BASKETBALL B V	N.M.H.	H	6:00
BASKETBALL G JV2	FAY SCHOOL	H	3:45
SOUASH B JV1	GROTON	A	4:30

Saturday, January 25

BASKETBALL B JV2	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	H	3:00
BASKETBALL G JV1	CUSHING	A	2:30
BASKETBALL G V	WORCESTER	A	3:00
HOCKEY B JV1	ANOOVER HS	H	2:30
HOCKEY B V	LOOMIS	H	4:30
HOCKEY G JV	OEERFIELO	A	5:15
HOCKEY G V	OEERFIELO	A	3:45
SOUASH B V	B. H. / CHOATE/ WESTMNTR	A	2:30
SOUASH G JV1	MILTON	H	2:30
SOUASH G JV2	MIOOLESEX	A	3:00
SOUASH G V	MILTON	H	2:30
SWIMMING B V	OEERFIELO	H	3:30
SWIMMING G JV	OEERFIELO	A	3:30
SWIMMING G V	OEERFIELO	H	3:30
TRACK B V	ANOOVER HS	H	2:00
TRACK G V	ANOOVER HS	H	2:00
WRESTLING B JV	ST. PAUL'S / TOURNAMENT	A	2:45
WRESTLING B V	MILTON/ TILTON/ ST. PAUL'S	A	3:15

Wednesday, January 29

BASKETBALL B JV1	LOWELL HS	H	5:00
BASKETBALL B JV2	CHELMSFORO HS	H	3:15
BASKETBALL B V	TILTON	A	4:00
BASKETBALL G JV2	CHELMSFORO HS	H	3:15
HOCKEY B JV1	WORCESTER	H	5:15
HOCKEY B V	OEERFIELO	A	5:00
HOCKEY G JV	MIOOLESEX	A	2:30
HOCKEYG V	EXETER	H	3:15
SKIING NOROIC	ST. PAUL'S	A	2:45
SOUASH B JV1	EXETER	H	2:30
SOUASH B JV2	EXETER	H	2:30
SOUASH B V	EXETER	H	2:30
SOUASH G JV1	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	A	2:45
SOUASH G JV2	ST. MARK'S	A	2:30
SOUASH G V	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	A	2:45
SWIMMING B V	BARRACUOAS	H	5:00
SWIMMING G V	BARRACUOAS	H	5:00
TRACK B V	TEWKSBURY HS	H	3:30
WRESTLING B V	THAYER	H	4:00

Thursday, January 30

BASKETBALL G V	BROOKS	H	4:00

Friday, January 31

BASKETBALL B V	THAYER	A	6:00
HOCKEY B JV1	CHELMSFORO HS	A	4:00
HOCKEY B V	BELMONT HILL	H	5:15
SOUASH B JV1	MIOOLESEX	A	4:30
SOUASH B V	MIOOLESEX	A	4:30
SOUASH G JV2	GROTON	H	4:30

Saturday, February 1

BASKETBALL B JV1	WORCESTER	A	1:30
BASKETBALL B JV2	LAWRENCE HS	A	1:00
BASKETBALL G JV1	EXETER	H	4:00
BASKETBALL G JV2	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	H	1:00
BASKETBALL G V	EXETER	H	4:00
HOCKEY B V	B.B.&N.	H	1:30
HOCKEY G V	K.U.A.	H	3:30
SWIMMING B V	HOPKINS	H	1:00
SWIMMING G V	HOPKINS	H	1:00
TRACK B V	WHEATON INVITATIONAL	A	9:00
TRACK G V	WHEATON INVITATIONAL	A	9:00
WRESTLING B JV	N.M.H. / TOURNAMENT	A	3:00
WRESTLING B V	PROVIDENCE CO / N.M.H.	A	2:00

Monday, February 3

BASKETBALL B V	GOVERNOR OUMMER	H	4:45

Wednesday, February 5

BASKETBALL B JV2	NEW JEWISH	H	4:45
BASKETBALL B V	CLARK UNIVERSITY	H	5:30
BASKETBALL G JV1	ST. PAUL'S	H	2:45

BASKETBALL G JV2	PINGREE	A	2:30
BASKETBALL G V	TABOR	A	3:00
HOCKEY B JV1	ST. JOHN'S PREP	H	5:30
HOCKEY B V	K.U.A.	A	4:30
HOCKEY G JV	HOLDERNESS	H	3:30
HOCKEY G V	TABOR	A	4:30
SKIING NORDIC	VERMONT ACADEMY	A	2:45
SQUASH B JV1	BELMONT HILL	A	4:15
SQUASH B JV2	BELMONT HILL	H	4:30
SQUASH B V	BELMONT HILL	A	4:15
SQUASH G JV1	ST. PAUL'S	H	2:45
SQUASH G V	ST. PAUL'S	H	2:45
TRACK B V	LYNNEIELD/MASCO	H	3:30
TRACK B JV	EXETER	A	3:00
TRACK G V	LYNNFIELD/MASCO	H	3:30
TRACK G JV	EXETER	A	3:00
WRESTLING B JV	BROOKS	A	3:00
WRESTLING B V	BROOKS	A	3:00
Friday, February 7			
BASKETBALL G V	SUFFIELD	A	6:30
HOCKEY B V	WINCHENDON	A	5:00
HOCKEY G V	N.M.H.	A	6:00
Saturday, February 8			
BASKETBALL B JV1	LAWRENCE HS	A	1:00
BASKETBALL B JV2	NORTH READING HS	H	3:00
BASKETBALL B V	HAMDEN HALL	H	1:00
BASKETBALL G JV1	NORTH READING HS	H	3:00
BASKETBALL G JV2	TABOR	A	1:30
HOCKEY B JV1	CUSHING	H	5:30
HOCKEY B V	PROCTOR	H	3:30
HOCKEY G JV	BROOKS	H	1:30
SKIING NORDIC	N.M.H.	H	2:00
SQUASH B JV1	MILTON	H	3:00
SQUASH B V	MILTON	H	3:00
SQUASH G JV1	DEERFIELD	H	12:30
SQUASH G JV2	DEERFIELD	H	11:30
SQUASH G V	DEERFIELD	H	12:30
SWIMMING B V	SUFFIELD / WILLISTON	A	2:30
SWIMMING G V	SUFFIELD / WILLISTON	A	2:30
TRACK B V	TBA	H	3:00
TRACK G V	TBA	H	3:00
WRESTLING B V	HYDE (CT)/TOURNAMENT	A	1:00
Wednesday, February 12			
BASKETBALL B JV1	WORCESTER	H	5:00
BASKETBALL B JV2	PINGREE	A	3:15
BASKETBALL B V	WORCESTER	H	5:00
BASKETBALL G JV1	B.B.&N.	A	3:15
BASKETBALL G JV2	SHORE COUNTRY DAY	H	3:00
BASKETBALL G V	B. B. & N.	A	4:45
HOCKEY B JV1	AUSTIN PREP	H	5:30
HOCKEY B V	CUSHING	A	5:00
HOCKEY G JV	PIKE SCHOOL	H	1:30
HOCKEY G V	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	H	3:30
SKIING NORDIC	HOLDERNESS	A	2:45
SQUASH B JV1	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	H	2:45
SQUASH B JV2	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	H	2:45
SQUASH B V	ST GEORGE'S	H	4:30
SQUASH G JV1	WINSOR	A	4:00
SQUASH G JV2	WINSOR	A	4:00
SQUASH G V	GROTON	H	4:30
SWIMMING B JV	ST. GEORGE'S/BERWICK	H	3:30
SWIMMING G JV	ST. GEORGE'S/BERWICK	H	3:30
TRACK B V	TBA	H	3:30
TRACK G V	TBA	H	3:30
WRESTLING B JV	EXETER	H	4:00
WRESTLING B V	EXETER	H	3:00
Friday, February 14			
BASKETBALL B JV1	N.M.H.	A	6:00
BASKETBALL B V	N.M.H.	A	6:00
BASKETBALL G JV1	N.M.H.	H	6:00
BASKETBALL G V	N.M.H.	H	6:00
HOCKEY B JV1	TABOR	A	6:45
HOCKEY B V	TABOR	H	6:45
HOCKEYG V	MILTON	A	5:15
SQUASH B JV2	BELMONT HILL	A	4:30
SQUASH B V	GROTON	A	4:15
SQUASH G JV1	MIDDLESEX	A	4:30
SQUASH G V	MIDDLESEX	A	4:30
WRESTLING B V	INTERSCHOLS	A	12:00
Saturday, February 15			
WRESTLING B V	INTERSCHOLS	A	9:00
Tuesday, February 18			
CLUSTER	BB FINALS	H	7:15
Wednesday, February 19			
BASKETBALL B JV1	DEERFIELD	A	3:45
BASKETBALL B V	DEERFIELD	A	3:45
BASKETBALL G JV2	B. B. & N.	H	3:45
HOCKEY B JV1	BELMONT HILL	A	5:30
HOCKEY B V	N.M.H.	H	3:30
HOCKEY G JV	ST. PAUL'S	A	4:15
HOCKEY G V	HOLDERNESS	H	5:30
SKIING NORDIC	NEPSAC	A	2:45
SQUASH B JV1	EXETER	A	2:30
SQUASH B JV2	EXETER	A	2:30
SQUASH B V	EXETER	A	2:30
SQUASH G JV1	EXETER	H	2:30
SQUASH G JV2	EXETER	H	2:30
SQUASH G V	EXETER	H	2:30
SWIMMING B V	EXETER	H	3:30
SWIMMING G V	EXETER	H	3:30
TRACK B V	EXETER	A	2:30
TRACK B JV	EXETER	A	2:30
TRACK G V	EXETER	A	2:30
TRACK G JV	EXETER	A	2:30
Thursday, February 20			
WRESTLING B V	NATIONALS	A	12:00
Friday, February 21			
SQUASH B V	INTERSCHOLS	A	12:00
Saturday, February 22			
BASKETBALL B JV1	EXETER	A	3:00
BASKETBALL B V	EXETER	A	7:00
BASKETBALL G JV1	EXETER	A	1:00
BASKETBALL G V	EXETER	A	5:00
HOCKEY B JV1	EXETER	A	4:00
HOCKEY B V	EXETER	A	5:00
HOCKEY G JV	EXETER	A	2:00
HOCKEY G V	EXETER	A	3:00
SQUASH B V	INTERSCHOLS	A	9:00
SQUASH G V	INTERSCHOLS	A	12:00
SWIMMING B JV	EXETER	A	2:00
SWIMMING G JV	EXETER	A	2:00
TRACK B V	MAINE USATF	A	12:00
TRACK G V	MAINE USATF	A	12:00
WRESTLING B JV	TOURNEY - NMH	A	10:00
Sunday, February 23			
SQUASH G V	INTERSCHOLS	A	9:00
Friday, February 28			
WRESTLING B V	NEW ENGLANDS	A	12:00
Saturday, March 1			
DIVING BOYS	INTERSCHOLS	A	7:30
SWIMMING B V	INTERSCHOLS	A	9:00
WRESTLING B V	NEW ENGLANDS	A	9:00
Sunday, March 2			
DIVING GIRLS	INTERSCHOLS	A	7:30
SWIMMING G V	INTERSCHOLS	A	9:00

Fans' Code of Conduct

Phillips Academy strives to encourage good sportsmanship throughout our athletic program, and this includes good fan behavior. We expect all spectators at our contests to be respectful of athletes, coaches, officials and other spectators. Fans are encouraged to applaud the efforts of their team and should not engage in any behavior that is critical, distracting, or derogatory toward opponents or officials. We believe it is imperative to let the athletes, coaches, and officials play the game. Fans can be an "extra person" for their squad, supporting and cheering on their side, but our school will not permit any behavior that detracts from the proper conduct of the game or disadvantages an athlete or team.

WINTER RESULTS 2002 – 2003

BASKETBALL BOYS' VARSITY	8W – 13L	
Basketball BJV1	5W – 8L	
Basketball BJV2	2W – 7L	
BASKETBALL GIRLS' VARSITY	15W – 5L	Runner up NEPSAC Class A Tournament
Basketball GJV1	6W – 5L	
Basketball GJV2	2W – 8L	
HOCKEY BOYS' VARSITY	16W – 7L – 3T	
Hockey BJV1	10W – 4L – 1T	
HOCKEY GIRLS' VARSITY	16W – 7L	
Hockey GJV	10W – 0L – 2T	
NORDIC SKIING	does not keep team record	
SQUASH BOYS' VARSITY	11W – 1L	5th at Interschols
Squash BJV1	9W – 2L – 1T	
Squash BJV2	5W – 4L	
SQUASH GIRLS' VARSITY	3W – 9L	13TH at Interschols
Squash GJV1	3W – 7L	
Squash GJV2	4W – 3L – 1T	
SWIMMING BOYS' VARSITY	5W – 2L	4th at Interschols
Swimming BJV	2W – 2L	
SWIMMING GIRLS' VARSITY	8W – 0L	1ST at Interschols
Swimming GJV	1W – 6L	
TRACK BOYS' VARSITY	5W – 0L	
Track BJV	2W – 0L	
TRACK GIRLS' VARSITY	2W – 2L – 1T	
Track GJV	?	
WRESTLING BOYS' VARSITY	10W – 8L – 1T	
Wrestling BJV	does not keep team record	
Cluster Basketball Finals	PKN wins over WQS	

SPORT: Boys Basketball

YEAR: 2002 - 2003

CAPTAIN: **Zak DeOssie**

MANAGER: **Rachelle Brignol '04**
Cindy Franco '04
Michaela Walker '04

COACH: Leon Modeste

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 8 **LOST** 13 **TIED** _____

Letter Winners

Tyler Simms
Joseph Lokitis
Adjatay Nyadjroh
Marc Anderson
Knef King
Andrew Heighington
Lyons Coleman
Zackary DeOssie
Rory Gallagher
William Heidrich
Colin Liotta
Bennett Jordan
Adam Crabtree
CINDY FRANCO

Boys Basketball

			PA	OPP
Wed. 12/4/2002	(A)	ST. MARK'S	64	46
Sat. 12/7/2002	(A)	CUSHING	66	83
Sun. 12/8/2002	(H)	POLY PREP	71	72
Mon. 12/16/2002	(A)	LOOMIS	42	58
Tues. 12/17/2002	(H)	NEW HAMPTON	71	89
Wed. 1/8/2003	(A)	HOLDERNESS	68	78
Fri. 1/10/2003	(A)	MILTON	64	35
Sat. 1/11/2003	(A)	TABOR	65	80
Wed. 1/15/2003	(H)	BREWSTER ACADEMY	86	104
Sat. 1/18/2003	(H)	CHESHIRE ACADEMY	70	77
Wed. 1/22/2003	(H)	EXETER	77	98
Fri. 1/24/2003	(H)	N.M.H.	65	79
Wed. 1/29/2003	(A)	TILTON	78	35
Fri. 1/31/2003	(A)	THAYER	98	96
Mon. 2/2003/2003	(H)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	99	50
Wed. 2/5/2003	(H)	CLARK UNIVERSITY	73	66
Sat. 2/8/2003	(H)	HAMDEN HALL	89	58
Wed. 2/12/2003	(H)	WORCESTER	74	95
Fri. 2/14/2003	(A)	N.M.H.	84	93
Wed. 2/19/2003	(A)	DEERFIELD	65	33
Sat. 2/22/2003	(A)	EXETER	52	65

PHILLPS ACADEMY
BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL
2002-2003

#	Name	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown
3	Tyler Simms	6'1	185	2004	Bourne, MA
4	Joseph Lokitis	5'7	150	2006	Norton, MA
10	Adjatay Nyadjroh	6'1	195	2003	Somerville, MA
11	Marc Anderson	6'4	180	2003	Queens, NY
12	Knef King	6'2	170	2004	South Bend, IN
13	Andrew Heighington	6'3	193	2003	Dracut, MA
20	Lyons Coleman	6'3	190	2003	Atlanta, GA
21	Zackary DeOssie	6'4	215	2003	North Andover, MA
23	Rory Gallagher	6'2	175	2003	Lowell, MA
30	William Heidrich	5'11	170	2003	Peonia, IL
31	Colin Liotta	6'6	190	2003	Andover, MA
32	Bennett Jordan	6'5	260	2003	Marietta, GA
33	Adam Crabtree	6'4	188	2004	Tampa, FL

COACH: LEON MODESTE,
MGRS: RACHELLE BRIGNOL '04, CINDY FRANCO '04, MICHAELA WALKER '04

2/5/03 Boys Basketball Shows Grit and Depth In Earning Fourth Straight Win

Hard work in practice, playing together as a team, and getting contributions from both starters and reserves, the boys varsity basketball team is really starting to click. Their fourth win in a row came at home on Wednesday, where they took on the Clark University JV team. The team worked hard to build a lead in the first half, and most importantly they should poise and courage in handling the rush that Clark put on in the 2nd half. Executing their game plan both offensively--with emphasis on working for open 3-pointers and seams to the hoop--and defensively--helping out and boxing out--the team came away with a 73-66 win. The big news today was the shooting and toughness of Colin Liotta of the bench. In a familiar pattern, Tyler Simms and Coleman Lyons led the way on scoring, and Zak DeOssie, Adjatay Nyadjroh, and Andy Heighington spearheaded the "D,".....but is was Liotta off the bench, taking big shots and pulling in rebounds that turned the game around. The work of the bench has played a huge role in the team's recent run.

Andover's Ballers Fall Short of Poly Prep in Dramatic OT Finish

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

19-18. Both Rory Gallagher '03 and Coleman Lyons '03 countered by beginning to aid their squad offensively; the former provided his teammates with an infusion of energy by converting a couple of 2-point shots halfway through through the period, while Lyons '03 lit up the scoreboard with abundant production from behind the arc. Thus, Andover was able to close out the half with both the momentum and the score in its favor, leading Poly Prep 36-32. Following the recess, both Crabtree '04 and Lokitis '06 picked up the slack by drilling repeated 3-pointers. Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 clamped down defensively to limit Poly's offensive opportunities; with 2:45 remaining, the score was tied at 62-62. At 67-67, the game was sent into overtime. Despite a tenacious effort in the final minutes, Andover is stifled by its opponent's defense and its own inability to hit key free throws. In the end, Poly Prep prevailed by a score of 72-71.

Coming off of humbling losses to both Cushing and Poly Prep, Andover sought to rebound against Loomis by employing a novel offensive strategy. The new run-and-gun style, however, was poorly suited to the slow, half-court defense used by the opposition. The Big Blue appeared to lack motivation and effectiveness, consequently losing a contest that should otherwise have yielded a straightforward victory. Andover's principle of shooting with impunity was largely unproductive due to Loomis' stifling defense. As a result, the Blue shot 4-22 from 3-point land for the entire game. Their adversary capitalized on our weaknesses, as their go-to guy Craigwell (#5) began to ignite both the scoreboard and the fans. At halftime, PA trailed 26-19. With a new mentality and a fresh offensive strategy, we gained to within four following the recess; Coleman Lyons '03 took initiative on both offensive and defensive ends, while clamping down on Loomis' able guard, #23 Blackman. Captain Zak DeOssie '03 was a presence within the paint for much of the game, until he fouled out on a dubious call with several minutes remaining in the game.

In a game predicted by most to be a thorough drubbing of the Big Blue, Andover held its own for all but the waning minutes of the hotly-contested match. We relentlessly punished the opposition from behind the 3-point arc; Gallagher '03, Lokitis '06, and Crabtree'04 provided timely baskets from downtown, with both Lyons '03 and Captain DeOssie '03 hitting several to start off the game. During the final 3 minutes of the half, however, New Hampton went on a tear which was prompted by the efforts of their 6'10" center Sean Lamtey and his 6'9" teammate, Olu Femi. The match was highlighted by a scoring duel between Lyons '03 and their guard Martin Cook (#33); The former outshone Cook by netting 20 points to his counterpart's 19. DeOssie '03 teamed with Andy Heighington '03 to provide outstanding efforts on the inside; DeOssie was able to finish with a mere 2 fouls. Additionally, the contest featured the return of a former PA student, Todd Checovich '02, who had graduated Andover as a PG and transferred to New Hampton for a 6th year of high school. In the end, an exemplary effort on behalf of the troops in blue was spoiled by its opponent's sheer size and firepower.

Riding a 4-game losing streak, Andover sought to rebound this Wednesday afternoon in an away game against Holderness. In the end, however, the Big Blue put in too little too late, losing to the opposition by a score of 78 – 68. The team's effort early in the 1st half was disappointing; Holderness exploited our inability to hit shots early on to take the lead, 34 – 18. Down by 16, the remainder of the game was played in a fruitless attempt to dig ourselves out of our deficit. The team came out with a solid effort in the 2nd half, but, once again, it was too little too late. Joseph Lokitis '06 played a solid game off the bench, while Tyler Simms '04 provided a spark of energy and an offensive prowess that were the few bright spots in Wednesday's disappointing contest. Andover will seek to improve its 1-5 record this Friday in yet another away game against Milton.

Tough Breaks for BBall; Team Drops Five Straight

by Anders Wallace
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Cushing	83
Andover	66
Poly Prep	72
Andover	71
Loomis	58
Andover	42
New Hampton	89
Andover	70
Holderness	78
Andover	68

Boys' Basketball squared off against Cushing, a team with numerous talented starters and potent offensive weapons over break. Despite a valiant effort, Andover fell short in the away game, losing 83-66. Andy Heighington '03 saw his first action of the season during this match, playing for a significant amount of time and contributing a solid effort despite the disappointing outcome. Tyler Simms '04 paced the Big Blue with a generally outstanding performance, scoring on quick, well-timed drives to the hoop to finish with a team-high 23 points: Captain Zak DeOssie '03 was plagued by foul trouble throughout the first half, thereby preventing him from dominating both offensively and defensively inside the paint. Heighington '03 and Colin Liotta '03 were thus allotted the unenviable task of tempering Cushing's main weapon within the paint, 6'8" Kevin Bradley. Despite exemplary efforts from both Heighington and Liotta, Bradley relentlessly punished Andover's big men by blocking numerous shots and finishing with 24 points. The primary go-to guy for the opposition, however, was 6'6" Asher Cowan. He proved devastating from beyond the 3-point arc, drilling timely threes and hindering one of Andover's main offensive guns, Coleman Lyons '03. The latter earned 16 points by means of his versatility and persistence, coping with substantial defensive pressure by pulling up for jump shots or making strong cuts to the basket. Despite trailing only 46-42 at the halftime break, the Big Blue was ultimately overcome by its bigger, more efficient opponent.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

For thirty-eight minutes on Sunday afternoon, Andover appeared confident of walking away with a solid, albeit hotly-contested victory against Poly Prep. However, despite its commendable effort and solid play for all but the final minutes, the Big Blue was unable to come away with the victory, falling to Poly Prep in overtime by an agonizing scored of 72-71. With a chance to trounce the opposition with 2:45 remaining in the game, the weariness of the team that was playing its second game in as many days began to manifest itself. Trailing 67-63, Poly Prep made use of repeated attempts at the foul line to tie the game at 67-67 and send the game into overtime. Once again Andover came out strong in the additional period, only to squander its 4-point advantage with poor ball-handling and numerous fouls.

From the opening tip-off Andover aggressively pursued the ball, doggedly harassing its opponents on the defensive end while maintaining good offensive production both inside and outside the 3-point arc. Captain Zak DeOssie '03 maintained what has become characteristically good defense throughout the game. Nevertheless, Poly Prep provided Andover with a minimal margin of error, keeping the score close throughout the 1st half. With ten minutes remaining in the period, Poly gained its first lead of the night,

Continued on Page B6, Column 1

Boys Basketball Falls to Cheshire Academy; Andover Proves No Match For Rival Exeter

by Anders Wallace
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Cheshire	**77**
Andover	**70**
Exeter	**98**
Andover	**77**

Luck just isn't on their side. PA's boys on the court struggled again this week, suffering another two losses to Cheshire Academy and Phillips Exeter Academy. An outstanding effort on behalf of the Andover boys' varsity basketball team was negated in Saturday's disappointing home loss to Cheshire. The team had sought to improve its 2 – 7 record against an opponent over which the Big Blue should clearly have triumphed.

Andover captain Zak DeOssie '03 picked up two fouls during the first two minutes of play. Although captain DeOssie played a dedicated, aggressive brand of basketball, his early foul trouble limited his viability as both a scoring option and a defensive mainstay.

Andover allowed Cheshire to jump out to a 10-point lead in the early going; however, the Big Blue was able to keep the score close for all but the final minutes. The early hurdle imposed upon them by Cheshire prevented them gaining the upper hand. Andover acquired its first and only lead at 62 – 61, when Coleman Lyons '03 scored on a timely 3-point basket.

The opposition's infallible point guard, however, promptly broke the Blue's comeback with a layup at the opposite end of the floor. What Andover could provide was simply too little too late. In a game for which they were mentally and physically prepared to win, the 77 – 70 loss to Cheshire was all the more disappointing and unsatisfactory.

In playing its 3rd straight home game against the dreaded Exies, Andover fell short in the 2nd half to lose a hotly-anticipated match against PEA. Despite a promising start, the Andover boys varsity basketball team ultimately fell victim to its opponent's outstanding shooting and its own lackluster defense. Until halftime, the Big Blue had managed to sustain a tenuous lead; Exeter, however, was able to clamp down defensively and jump-start its offense to gain the upper hand at halftime, with the score of 49 - 44.

For the remainder of the game the Exeter squad was simply able to execute its offensive movements with greater efficiency. Their defensive prowess allowed them to stifle the Big Blue, which in turn led to fast-break points and open looks for the visiting team. As the contest drew to a conclusion Exeter simply gained momentum, dispatching the Andover team with a final score of 98 – 77.

Adjatay Nyadjroh '03, Andy Heighington '03, and Coleman Lyons '03 propelled their squad to an early lead of 9 – 2. The Big Blue exploited a visibly intimidated Exeter team; while Nyadjroh and Heighington punished them on the interior, captain Zak DeOssie '03 manhandled opponents at the defensive end with multiple blocks.

After a fall-away 3-point shot by Nyadjroh, Tyler Simms '04 sank a smooth jumper only to pick up two quick turnovers on the following two possessions. Undeterred, he received a long pass from Adam Crabtree '04 and made a strong drive to the hoop, only to draw the foul and convert 1 of 2 shots from the free-throw stripe. Throughout the remainder of the half, Andover remained almost flawless from behind the 3-point arc; such performance stood in stark contrast to Exeter's inability to hit much of anything from downtown.

With the score resting at 25 – 20 in Andover's favor, Joey Lokitis '06 came off the bench and contributed immediately; the junior earned a quick three points and two steals (to go along with 2 turnovers) during his short stint on the floor. Following another barrage of 3-pointers from both Nyadjroh and Simms, the opposition shut down the Big Blue on defense and succeeded in tying the score at 36 – 36. With the momentum in its favor, Exeter was able to close out the half by gaining a 5-point lead which it would never relinquish.

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Tyler Simms '04 drives past two Cheshire defenders en route to the basket.

The little that Andover could do at the beginning of the 2nd half was offset by its opponent's good ball-flow and prolific ability to score. Both Lyons and DeOssie were able to temporarily stem the bleeding with several quick baskets, but Exeter was able to preserve its five-point margin.

As Lyons and the opposition's #21 traded baskets, the visiting team's lead swelled to 10. Only several fast-break opportunities, during which Simms scored on an underhand layup and Lokitis converted a cross-court pass from Nyadjroh, were the Blue able to prevent Exeter from sealing the game's outcome a full 10 minutes prior to the contest's official end.

Following a brief timeout, the gameplay on both sides became foul-ridden and generally physical. Players on both sides were hacked and fouled repeatedly while making aggressive cuts to the basket. Andover's style of play, however, was ill-suited to the task at hand; a measured and methodical offense gave in to a futile sense of desperation, as the Big Blue managed a mere 7 points over the final 10 minutes.

Andover's recklessness, in turn, allowed its rival to capitalize on the numerous open shots it was granted by our ineffective defense. Riding the energy of its scoring streak, Exeter was able to close out the match and achieve victory by the final score of 98 – 77. At 2 – 9, the varsity basketball squad will attempt to revive its morale this Friday in yet another home-stand, this time against NMH.

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Tyler Simms '04 slashes towards the hoop during Andover's undefeated 3-0 week.

Boys Basketball Wins OT Thriller Over Rival Thayer

by Anders Wallace
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	98
Thayer	96
Andover	99
GDA	50
Andover	73
Clark University	66

The Big Blue finally proved this week that when it all comes together no one can play on their level.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

In an exemplary show of effort and determination the Boys' Varsity Basketball team squeezed past Thayer in an overtime away game this past Friday. Following Andover's thorough drubbing of Tilton, the team's sheer resolve to pursue its first winning streak of the season propelled it to a victory against Thayer, by the score of 98-96 (in overtime).

The opposition's arsenal featured prep-school standout and Maryland-bound Mike Jones, a versatile scoring threat who faltered slightly down the stretch as the main go-to-guy for his squad. Although Tyler Simms '04 and Coleman Lyons '03 fulfilled expectations as Andover's main scoring duo, the reserves deserved the most credit for the late surge that ultimately carried the team by a 2-point margin.

With time expiring in the 2nd half, Thayer benefited from a questionable foul call that put them to the free-throw line for two shots. While the supposed foul sent Simms to the bench, Thayer was able to convert both opportunities

Continued on Page B6, Column 1

F. Wang /*The Phillipian*

Coleman Lyons '03 drives to the basket for a bucket. Lyons led the Big Blue in scoring this week.

B-Ball Wins Four Straight; GDA, Clark Latest Victims

Continued from Page B1, Column 3

and tie the game to send it into overtime.

Reserves Rory Gallagher '03, Joey Lokitis '06, and Colin Liotta '03 made the most of their chance to shine. Lokitis reaffirmed his position as an offensive threat with a barrage of shots from all corners of the court. Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 and Captain Zak DeOssie '03 both turned in noteworthy performances. In a game where Andover's every step was hotly contested by the opposition, sheer willpower and resilience allowed the team to take home the win and improve its record to 4 -10.

The Boys' Varsity Basketball team provided an entertaining and effective follow-up to their unexpected victory over Thayer by simply outclassing GDA. Andover improved its record to 5-10 with the 99-54 thrashing of Governor Dummer.

Although it has taken the team some time to reconcile its many talents and abilities, the Big Blue squad has begun to play with renewed vigor here in the second half of the season. With impressive wins over Thayer and Governor Dummer, Andover capitalized on its chance to prolong its winning streak to four games with a 73-66 victory over the Clark University Varsity team. Although the teams were fairly even, an outstanding offensive effort by Lyons and the impenetrable defense of Liotta and captain DeOssie tipped the balance in the Blue's favor.

Clark used a strong defensive effort early in the game to limit Andover's scoring options; good ball movement was all that the Big Blue could boast during the early minutes of Wednesday's matchup. However, timely back-to-back three-pointers by Lyons jumpstarted the Big Blue's offense and narrowed the Clark lead to two points.

A subsequent fast break by Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 allowed Lyons to net a quick layup, draw the foul, and complete the three point play. Following a jump-shot by Liotta to tie the game, a foul shot by Lyons gave Andover its first lead of the night, at 15-14.

The roles of big men Liotta, DeOssie, and Andy Heighington '03 became crucial. All three delivered promptly, showing great prowess on defense while contributing with several 3-point shots of their own. With the momentum in their favor, Andover carried its 38-26 lead heading into half-time.

As they began to trade baskets, both teams settled into a groove, with the Big Blue still leading. However, a few slip-ups and turnovers by DeOssie allowed Clark University to regain its footing. The Clark team stormed back to tie the game up at 56 with only 10 minutes left in the game.

A definitive block by Liotta prompted a fast break by Simms, who drew the foul and converted both of his shots from the free-throw stripe. Trailing 67 – 66, Clark fouled Lyons from behind the arc. Lyons proceeded to drain all three of his shots, as Andover went on to victory.

With five games remaining in the season, the team will have to win all of its upcoming contests to close out the year with a winning record. It will be an uphill struggle, but it is an unparalleled opportunity for the boys to make something memorable out of this season.

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Rory Gallagher '03 drives to the hoop in Saturday's game against Hamden Hall.

Andover Boys Basketball Smashes Deerfield in Rout

Continued from Page 12, Column 2

unable to contribute despite their presence on the court. To make matters worse, an NMH guard who had not played during the teams' first encounter now capitalized on their point guard's absence to score 14 points for the Hoggers.

Although Andover was able to close its deficit to single digits on repeated occasions, NMH was always able to counter with a timely basket or a scoring run of its own. The defeat marked the second straight loss for a PA team was previously on a five game winning streak.

The team entered Wednesday's game against Deerfield with a renewed sense of purpose. The team's effort and desire were evident, as the Big Blue pulled away with an easy 65-32 victory against an overmatched Deerfield squad.

Although the PA players were somewhat plagued by foul trouble throughout the first half, they were able to pull away in the second period by virtue of their outstanding team play and the all-around contributions of all team members.

The mismatch between Andover and Deerfield was evident from the outset. The Blue performed inefficiently during the first ten minutes of play. Largely to blame were the referees' generally conservative calls. As Will Heidrich '03 professed after the game, "The referees called the game very closely." Captain DeOssie and Nyadjroh were both called for fouls on numerous occasions during the first half. Andover remained largely unable to dispatch the opposition for the remainder of the period; a 3-point shot at the buzzer allowed Deerfield to attempt to catch up to PA when the score was 25-14. The Blue emerged from the locker rooms to start off the second half with a visibly renewed attitude, which in turn allowed them to seal the outcome of the contest a mere five minutes into the half. Nyadjroh, Liotta, and Lyons all made key shots down the stretch; a shot by Heidrich at the buzzer was a definitive statement for the match. Despite their lackluster start, PA had pulled away behind the solid play of Lyons, Nyadjroh, and Liotta.

The contest against Deerfield was the first meeting between the two teams of the season. In the end, the opposition provided much-needed fodder for the varsity squad as it prepares for Saturday's big game with Exeter. Andover will look to further the retribution which it achieved with Wednesday's blowout against Deerfield.

With a current record of 8-12, the Boys in Blue will inevitably fall short of .500 for the season; nevertheless, a victory over archrival Exeter would undoubtedly boost the squad's morale.

Athlete Of The Week

Coleman Lyons '03

"He can score from both the inside and the outside and he's obviously one of the most prolific scorers our school has ever had." — Coach Leon Modeste

by Weston Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Every team needs their outstanding player, and for Andover's Boys Varsity Basketball squad Coleman Lyons '03 fits that mold perfectly. The six foot three, 190 lb PG from Georgia has done wonders for the Boys Basketball team. Described as the "bread and butter" of the team by coach Leon Modeste, Lyons' addition to the team this year has propelled the team to a series of successful showings en route to an 8-12 record this season. Prior to joining the Big Blue, Lyons lived in Georgia and played for the Marist School of Atlanta in an exceedingly competitive inner-city league. He also played on various travel teams throughout the state.

Lyons cites his family and friends as his prime game-time supporters. "My biggest supporters are without a doubt my family as well as few very close friends. They have made a tremendous impact on me and helped me grow as a person and player throughout the years. My younger brother and sister are both high school basketball players and we helped each other become better players throughout the years." With such a solid fan base pushing him through his fourteen years of basketball he has been able to go far with his talents. Another part of his basketball upbringing has been his coaches. Lyons has great respect for those who have taught them and strives had a great influence on me. I have been fortunate thus far to have all great coaches. Throughout the years I have been able to take certain lessons from different coaches and instill them in myself to further develop my style of play."

Lyons' plans for college have not completely gelled over yet. When questioned about his basketball future he responded "As of now I am planning on college basketball next year," stated Lyons regarding his basketball future. "However, I have not made any decisions or commitments. I am still weighing my options and will

most skill on the scoring front. Coach Mo said of him "He can score from both the inside and the outside and he's obviously one of the most prolific scorers our school has ever had."

His effect on the team has been uplifting. Not only has his skill put many points up on the board, but his mentality has also been of great help. Coach Mo stated, "He's a quiet leader, he works as hard as anyone. He's made the kids around him better and as we got used to him we became a better team."

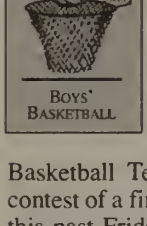
Great things can be expected from this rising basketball star, and

PA Boys Basketball Drops One to NMH, Pounds DA

by Anders Wallace
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

NMH	93
Andover	84
Andover	65
Deerfield	32

Sometimes the ball bounces your way, sometimes it does not.



The boys won one game this week over Deerfield, but only after a heart-breaking loss at the hands of the NMH Hoggers.

The PA Boys Basketball Team played its first contest of a final, 3-game road trip this past Friday against NMH. In this highly-anticipated rematch, the NMH Hoggers triumphed over the Big Blue by a score of 93-84 (NMH had won the first match as well, 79-65). Although most speculators had predicted that the Hoggers would thoroughly dominate the undersized Andover team, the absence of their star point guard allowed for some speculation that PA might be able to emerge victorious. Ultimately, however, Andover suffered more from injuries to its players than did the competition; Andy Heighington '03 missed the game altogether and Rory Gallagher '03 made an unexpected arrival after just having stitches removed.

Despite suffering from a gross mismatch on the interior, the Andover squad showed commendable effort in competing with a more physical team. Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 and Athlete of the Week Coleman Lyons '03 greatly advanced the team's score. Lyons hustled and bustled his way to 17 points while Nyadjroh showcased his impeccable outside shooting by garnering a team-high 36 points. Both teams suffered from foul trouble throughout the game. In the first half alone, Lyons picked up 3 fouls, while captain Zak DeOssie '03 and Colin Liotta '03 each got called for two. Such fouls meant that Liotta and DeOssie were largely

Continued on Page 10, Column 5

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Captain Zak DeOssie '03 drives through the lane, en route to the basket for two points.

Andover Hoopsters End Season; Simms to Lead Squad in 2004

Continued from Page 12, Column 3

sition forced DeOssie into further foul trouble. With Blackmon successfully preventing Lyons from scoring and Captain DeOssie rendered inactive, Andover was simply picked apart at both ends of the court.

Nevertheless, the Blue's efforts throughout the game were certainly commendable. Both teams did not disappoint their fans, putting on an extraordinary show and keeping the famed inter-school rivalry alive with great hustle and sportsmanship.

The contest against Exeter marked Andover's final game of the season. PA will finish off the winter with a record of 8–13.

Although it took the squad some time to congeal and find a solid rotation, the Big Blue found their rhythm in the second half of the season, with every player settled into their respective roles quite nicely.

Post-graduate Lyons established himself as the team's most potent scoring threat; while at the same time, Tyler Simms '04 worked with Lyons in the backcourt as a playmaker and equally viable scoring option.

Both Colin Liotta '03 and Andy Heighington '03 improved drastically over the course of the season, developing into blocking and rebounding machines.

With monumental wins over Tilton and Thayer, it appeared possible that the Blue could triumph in all of its remaining games to finish the year with a winning record, a feat that certainly seemed impossible after the first few games of the year. What followed was an extremely memorable five-game winning streak.

However, poor showings in rematches against powerhouses [illegible] and Exeter Big Red doomed Andover to what was a disappointing finish. This classic struggle with Exeter marked the final game in a Phillips Academy uniform for eight graduating seniors.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Coleman Lynns '03 attempts to put up an outside shot over the extended arms of an Exeter defender.

With the basketball season having drawn to an end, the Andover Hoopsters will have to continue their rebuilding effort next season. Young talents like Joey Lokitis '06 and skilled rising seniors Simms, Adam Crabtree '04, and Knef King '04 will look to fill the shoes of the eight players who will graduate this spring.

Said Captain-elect Simms of the team next season, "Because [illegible] returning four underclassmen, we will be looking to this season's junior varsity players, along with what we think to be a strong post-graduate class, to help up on the front court."

Simms continued, "Next year, we're not going to have anyone big. We are going to have to rely upon our ability to shoot and our speed on both offense and defense."

"Even though we were definitely less talented than last year's team, we bonded together as a team," asserted King. The rising senior guard continued, saying, "We reeled off a string of huge wins, and each win was a team win. We weren't talented [illegible] in any other way."

Big Red Slam Dunks the Blue; Star Lyons '03 Scores 22 Points

by Anders Wallace
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter	65
Andover	52

Boys' Basketball

In their biggest game of the year, the Boys Varsity Basketball team fell just shy of victory. The hotly anticipated rematch with archrival Exeter turned out to be everything the boys had expected. The boys entered the game as underdogs, having lost their first game against Exeter this season, 77-98. Andover had hoped to pull off a dramatic upset. Unfortunately, they were unable to carry over the momentum from their previous win at Deerfield. PA fell to the Big Red, and the game ended with a final score of 65-52.

With a raucous home crowd behind them, Exeter jumped out to an early 6–0 lead. Will Heidrich '03 commented upon the hostile playing environment: "They were jazzed...they got their crowd immediately into the game, and it made a big difference. ... Their crowd gave them a lot of momentum."

After Captain Zak DeOssie '03 picked up two quick fouls in the opening minutes, Andover had to carry on the fight largely without their leader.

Although the Big Blue was able to run with the competition for much of the first half, Exeter pulled away after halftime. The Exies relied heavily on their three-point shooting, which was excellent, and an effective defensive strategy. The Exeter D succeeded in stopping Andover in their tracks on numerous possessions throughout the game.

Despite trailing by only one point at halftime, Andover found themselves unable to come any closer.

Exeter guard Austin Blackmon effectively shut down Andover's perimeter scoring during the second half. Andover Coach Leon Modeste acknowledged the Big Red's ability to step it up in the second half, saying, "Exeter got hot in the second half, started hitting some threes." Coach Mo added, "Blackmon was able to neutralize Coleman."

The Red's Will Hyatt hit several three-point shots down the stretch, each a dagger more painful than the last to Andover's hopes in the game. Hyatt's sharp shooting curtailed any scoring runs that the Blue managed to put together.

In pressuring Andover at both ends of the court, the oppo-

Continued on Page 11, Column 4

Boys Basketball Celebrates Five-Game Winning Streak

by Anders Wallace
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The 2002-2003 season proved to be a rollercoaster of a ride for the Andover Boys Varsity Basketball team. The season was full of late resurgences that came to define the Big Blue's individual games. Nevertheless, the end result was something of a disappointment for the team's many Seniors, as PA closed out the season with a record of 8–13.

As the season progressed, the team improved. The backcourt solidified, and many Andover players started to step up and take control. Captain Zak DeOssie '03 proved to be the team's leading inside force, defending the basket well enough to earn the role as the central defensive player.

The Blue's late-season success was also due in large part to the play of Colin Liotta '03 and Andy Heighington '03. While Heighington worked tirelessly to grab boards, Liotta used his height to his advantage by blocking and intercepting most anything within his airspace. Coleman Lyons '03 was the team's main offensive weapon, powering the backcourt with his 3-point shooting and readiness to drive the ball inside when necessary. Tyler Simms '04 provided the perfect complement to Lyons, serving as an energizing force with his ability to get the ball down the court and break down the opposing defense. Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 often ran the point, using his speed and court vision to set up plays for his teammates, sacrificing his own numbers for the sake of benefiting the team.

Arguably the most pleasant surprise of the season was the play of Joey Lokitis '06. Given the upcoming departure of the Blue's many Seniors, Lokitis makes the future look bright. Three rising Seniors who will look to anchor the team next season are Simms, Knef King '04 and Adam Crabtree '04.

Despite jumpstarting the season with an early, decisive 64-46 trouncing of St. Mark's, PA began what seemed to be a long slide into oblivion. Having lost five in a row, the team appeared ill-prepared and generally unsettled. However, a game against the unimpressive Milton Tigers allowed the boys to regain some of their shattered confidence by beating the opposition with a 64–35 blowout.

Despite falling behind 9–5 in the early going, Andover used a 21–2 run towards the end of the first half to gain a lead which that would not be avenged. In the two subsequent games, against Tabor and Brewster, the Blue once again lost its way. Andover was able to run with the Seawolves for much of the first half, eventually earning a one-point lead by the end of the first half. Ultimately, however, Tabor was too much for the Big Blue to handle. Against Brewster, Andover fell short, blaming numerous turnovers and generally sloppy play. Brewster exploited a mismatch around the hoop, allowing it to dismantle Andover's defense with fast breaks, which led to some truly memorable lay-ups and dunks for Brewster, which were interesting for the fans but not helpful to the score.

Another streak of losses left Andover with an unsightly record of 2–10 after dropping games to NMH, Cheshire Academy, and Exeter. Andover finally got its chance to bounce back against a soft Tilton team. Much as it did against Milton, the Blue sent its opposition reeling to the tune of a 78–35 blowout.

Andover began what was to be a long climb back to respectability as it improved its record. Squeezing past powerhouse Thayer by a score of 98–96 in overtime, the Blue was able to build its first winning streak of the season. Victories against GDA and Clark University only strengthened the players' newfound confidence.

With a record of 6–10, it was necessary for PA to triumph in all of its remaining games in order to finish with a record above .500. However, the team's hopes were almost instantly shattered, as losses to talented Worcester and NMH teams sealed the Blue's fate. The squad played its final contest of the season in an away game against Exeter. The opposition was able to dig its heels in and come away with the win. PA fell by a margin of 65–52.

Nine out of the team's current 13 players will graduate at the end of this year, leaving Simms and Lokitis to spearhead the rebuilding process. Graduating Seniors include Marc Anderson '03, Ben Jordan '03, Rory Gallagher '03, Heidrich, Liotta, DeOssie, Lyons, Nyadjroh, and Heighington. In commenting on the next season, Heidrich said, "Our goal is pretty much to do well year in and year out. In this conference, you just can't afford to take a year off."

He continued to evaluate the prospects for the group of returning players: "Tyler Simms will definitely be huge next year. Joey Lokitis should be great, and he should be able to grow a little." Andover's success in the upcoming years will certainly depend upon these backcourt talents. However, only time will tell how well the team's young prospects develop and what will happen to the program.

SPORT: Girls Basketball

YEAR: 2002 - 2003

CAPTAIN: **Danielle Vardaro**

MANAGER: **Brandi Flournoy Brooklyn, NY '03**
Brittney Bailey Culver City, CA '03
Lissette Duran New York, NY '05

COACH: Karen Kennedy

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 15 **LOST** 5 **TIED** _____

Letter Winners

Laurel Sticklor
Sarah Chang
Danielle DeNufrio
Cortney Tetrault
Rachel Shack
Jess Daigneault
Kat Conlon
Meg Coffin
Danielle Vardaro
Krystal Freeman
Nell Beattie
Mimi Hanley
Christa Vardaro
Jevan Jammal
Brandi Flournoy

Girls Basketball

			PA	OPP
Wed. 11/20/2002	(H)	BREWSTER ACADEMY	68	29
Wed. 12/4/2002	(H)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	50	40
Fri. 12/6/2002	(H)	METHUEN HS	scrimmage	
Sat. 12/14/2002	(A)	HARVARD	42	60
Sun. 12/15/2002	(H)	ANDOVER HS	cancelled	
Mon. 12/16/2002	(A)	LOOMIS	47	32
Tues. 12/17/2002	(H)	NEW HAMPTON	52	24
Wed. 1/8/2003	(H)	TABOR	53	72
Sat. 1/11/2003	(H)	MILTON	48	35
Wed. 1/15/2003	(A)	N.M.H.	65	25
Sat. 1/18/2003	(A)	DEERFIELD	58	22
Wed. 1/22/2003	(H)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	56	35
Sat. 1/25/2003	(A)	WORCESTER	47	33
Thurs. 1/30/2003	(H)	BROOKS	48	52
Sat. 2/1/2003	(H)	EXETER	53	29
Wed. 2/5/2003	(A)	TABOR	40	56
Fri. 2/7/2003	(A)	SUFFIELD	cancelled	
Wed. 2/12/2003	(A)	B. B. & N.	54	37
Fri. 2/14/2003	(H)	N.M.H.	57	29
Sat. 2/22/2003	(A)	EXETER	61	48
Wed. 2/26/2003	(A)	Tournament vs. Choate at BB&N	60	44
Fri. 2/28/2003 Semis				
	(A)	PA vs. Suffield at Williston Northampton	46	32
Sun. 3/2/2003 Finals	(A)	PA vs. Tabor at Worcester Academy	37	52

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL
2002-2003

##	Name	Hometown	Pos	Yog
3	Laurel Sticklor	Boxford, MA	G	'05
5	Sarah Chang(2)	Chicago, IL	G	'05
10	Danielle DeNufrio	Reading, MA	G	'03
11	Cortney Tetrault(3)	Hatfield, MA	G	'03
12	Rachel Shack	Andover, MA	G	'04
14	Jess Daigneault(2)	Gaithersburg, MD	F	'04
15	Kat Conlon(2)	Sagamore Beach, MA	G	'04
21	Meg Coffin(3)	Westford, MA	F	'03
22	Danielle Vardaro(4)	North Reading, MA	G	'03
23	Krystal Freeman(3)	Flushing, NY	G	'03
24	Nell Beattie	Hanover, NH	F	'05
25	Mimi Hanley(3)	Seattle, WA	F	'04
31	Christa Vardaro	North Reading, MA	F	'06
32	Jevan Jammal	Arlington, MA	G	'06

Managers:

Brandi Flournoy	Brooklyn, NY	'03
Brittney Bailey	Culver City, CA	'03
Lissette Duran	New York, NY	'05

Head Coach: Karen Kennedy
Assistant: Albert Cauz, Tammy Sanchez
Captain: Danielle Vardaro

2/12/03 Girls Basketball Defeats BB&N

As the team's awareness of the season's end and our journey to our stated goal draws near, the girls understand that now is the time to pull all lessons together. Today against BBN the players did just that. Playing a team that just Monday lost to Class A leader Tabor by one point, the girls in Blue found their way.

BBN star player Brenna McGuire--Virginia-bound to play for basketball coach Debbie Rya-- made her first appearance of the season after suffering an ACL tear last year in the first round of the tournament. Still, her presence did not deter the mindset of the Andover team.

The first half was a constant trading of baskets and as the seconds clicked off the clock Andover had a six point lead, 26-20. Minutes into the second half BBN tied the score and looked to take the lead. Cortney Tetrault stepped out on defense, frustrating the BBN ball handlers and forcing turnovers and rushed plays. Cortney's covering defenders were quick to capitalize on the BBN mistakes, and Andover took off on a 25-5 run. With just over 2 1/2 minutes remaining Andover led 51-31. The final score was Andover 54 and BBN 37.

Meg Coffin, Danielle Vardaro and Krystal Freeman chipped in to pull down 23 rebounds. Danielle, Meg and Mimi Hanley contributed 26 points. And Kat Conlon, for the third consecutive game recorded a personal best, scoring 22 points, and for the second time this season tied the 3-point shot record in a game at 5.

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Cortney Tetrault '03 dribbles by a Tabor defender, but her efforts were not enough to beat the opposing team.

BBall Humbled After Loss, Vardaro '03 Looks Ahead

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

In the first five minutes, Tabor's lead increased, making the score 31-46.

However, Hanley's aggressive steal of the ball right out of a Tabor player's hands and her following shot lessened Tabor's lead and brought Andover's score up to 33.

The fans later clapped and screamed for both Conlon and Hanley's exciting baskets that gave Lady Blue hope of making a comeback.

After Conlon was fouled out with 58 seconds left, Coach Kennedy put in Chang and Daigneault along with varsity newcomers Laurel Sticklor '05, Beattie, and Rachel Shack '04. They finished off the game and left the court with the final score standing at 53-72. The loss is only softened considering Tabor's previous record.

The top scorers for this game were Coffin and Conlon, who lit up DiClemente court, scoring 14 and 11 times, respectively. Captain Vardaro helped to keep Andover from falling behind anymore, bringing 7 points for Lady Blue.

Despite the loss, the team remained focused and their skills were still present as they made 78% of all their free throws.

Vardaro was optimistic about the loss saying, "The game was what [we] needed to judge [our] talent and to see where [we] needed to improve. It's a good eye opener," she continued, "we have a lot of work to do but I think they're a beatable team."

Krystal Freeman was determined to put up a better fight the next time Lady Blue plays the revered Tabor.

She declared, "Next time around we can bring it closer or even beat them. I have confidence that we can at least give them a run for their money next time." Lady Blue will have another opportunity to play Tabor February 5th; this will be Andover's chance for revenge.

As this is just the first game of winter term, Lady Blue will surely improve and give their fans an exciting season to watch. With more playing time and more games like Wednesday's game against Tabor and the game against Harvard's JV, the team will improve by playing harder competition. Next up for the girls is Milton at 7 on Saturday night in DiClemente Court, a game the girls will be ready for, anxious to prove that losing is not contagious.

Girls Basketball Downs Milton In First Round of Tournament

Continued from Page 12, Column 5

The Big Blue managed to create a 13-point lead after trailing by a sizeable amount. Coffin talked about their amazing comeback, saying, "In the beginning, we were down by a lot, and how we worked through that to come back for the win is a great accomplishment."

The lead scorer for the game was Captain Vardaro. She contributed 15 points towards the team's win, swooshing an impressive 60% of her shots. Conlon also stepped it up, bringing in 13 points, five rebounds, four assists, and two steals. Hanley also added ten points to the rising Andover score. In addition, Coffin brought in eight points in last weekend's high scoring game.

Cortney Tetrault '03 explained the additional stress the team felt during the game and how the girls fared: "Although we had played Exeter earlier in the year and had beaten them by a considerable amount, we knew that they were going to come out strong because of the traditional Andover-Exeter rivalry—plus, they really are a stronger team than the previous score would lead one to thing. In the second half, after being behind, we stepped up our defense and our offense followed."

While most other sports have ended, and players are taking some time off, the girls are still out on the court practicing for the upcoming tournaments. Their biggest competitor in the upcoming Interscholastic Tournament is last year's champion, the Tabor Seawolves. Accounting for two of Andover's three losses this year, Tabor has had a good season, and the Lady Blue will have to work their hardest if they want their team goals to come true.

Milton provided tough competition for the Blue, but the girls stepped it up to bring home a well-earned victory. With this game's stakes so high, players attributed their level of intensity to nervousness. This was, after all, their only chance to become the League Champions.

After a lackluster start, the Big Blue managed to recover and overtake Milton. In the second half, the Lady Hoopsters picked up their game and came through for the win. The defense increased their intensity so that the team could counter Milton's star point guard. This left the court open for Coffin, Freeman, Hanley, and Conlon to take control of the ball and close the gap between Andover and Milton. Captain Vardaro, feeling a little under the weather after battling sickness, did not let the game go by without scoring and sinking a perfect three-pointer.

This game did a great deal to boost the girls' confidence and counteract the restless nerves that kept them down in the first half. Hanley explained, "Even though it was a shaky start to the tournament, hopefully we got all our nerves out and can start the next game more relaxed and confident."

The girls, who go on to play the undefeated Suffield Tigers today, will need to hit the court with intensity and heart. The girls had no opportunity to face Suffield earlier this season due to a canceled game. They enter tonight's game without much knowledge of Suffield's abilities, so they will need to be able to be prepared for whatever the Tigers throw at them. However, fans, coaches, and players alike all see the possibility that the Andover girls will take it all at the tournament.

Girls BBall Struggles Against Tabor; Lady Hoopsters Unable to Fight Reigning Champ

by Allison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Tabor	72
Andover	53

After dominating the competition for years, the Girls' Basketball team is beginning to show signs of mortality.

The Big Blue's game last Wednesday against last season's undefeated champions, Tabor Academy, got winter term off to a slow start with Lady Blue losing by a rough score of 53-72.

This, however, was not an example of how well the team played in their games during vacation.

This game was full of fouls, players falling over, and a consistent Tabor lead by double-digit points. Nonetheless, the Lady Blue kept fighting until the end, keeping fans screaming at DiClemente court.

Over the vacation, Lady Blue played three games against Harvard's JV, Loomis-Chaffee, and New Hampton, allowing the team extra playing time to polish their skills.

Despite a loss to Harvard 42-60, the Andover girls played an excellent first game with Captain Danielle Vardaro '03 and Meg Coffin '03 bringing in 14 and 12 points, respectively. Krystal Freemen '03 also added to the effort with her 12 rebounds, giving Harvard's JV some real competition.

Andover's game against Loomis-Chaffee was amazing; it showed just how much the girls had been working over the past few weeks. Again, Vardaro led the team by scoring 19 points and an unheard-of five three-pointers. Mimi Hanley '04 scored 17 points, a personal best. The game went to Andover with an impressive score of 47-32.

In the third vacation game against New Hampton, PA dominated the court, finishing off with a lead of 52-24. Coffin and Kat Conlon '04 were the game's leaders. Coffin brought in 15 points and made 16 rebounds, and Conlon scored the first 10 points for Lady Blue.

This lead also allowed more players time on the court; Jevan Jammal '06, Nell Beattie '05, Sarah Chang '05, and Jessie Daigneault '04 all got to play.

The team agrees that their vacation games allowed for them to improve dramatically, especially in their ability to play together. The four-day game spree gave the girls more court time and a chance to bond as a team.

According to Cortney Tetrault '03, "Staying after break and playing basketball without the stress of school helped us to start clicking on and off the court."

The team's improvement was clearly evident when they played their second two games; Hanley agreed. "We started out rusty against Harvard," she said, "but after the weekend we had really come together as a team and played well."

Starting for Andover against Tabor were Tetrault, Vardaro, Coffin, Hanley, and Conlon. The game started out with Andover and Tabor's inching out over each other, competing for a one or two point lead. Even after an incredible shot by Conlon, Tabor led 17-25 at the 8-minute mark. Freeman brought the game closer by scoring to make it 23-30.

In the last four minutes of the half, Tabor's shooting spree brought the half-time score to 23-34, an eleven-point goal at which Lady Blue could work.

In the second half, Lady Blue was unable to make a comeback.

The half was rough; with over ten fouls by each team and much time spent by both the players and the ball on the floor, it was clear that both teams had recently come back from vacation. Both coaches noticed the team's difficulty, and called a total of six timeouts in the half, making it a long and difficult game to watch.

Continued on Page B6, Column 1

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Danielle Vardaro '03 goes up for a rebound against Tabor.

PA BASKETBALL BEATS NOBLES AND DEERFIELD

CAPTAIN VARDARO STARS

Hanley '04, Conlon '04 and Freeman '03 Lead Girls to Wins

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

a score of 53-36. Coach Kennedy put in her usual starters, with Freeman rotating in a few minutes after the clock started. They went to score 17 unanswered points and to establish a threatening lead that Nobles would never be able to take back. They didn't even score until almost four minutes had disappeared on the DiClemente scoreboard. With an early lead this big, Coach Kennedy pulled out some of her starting line and let Sarah Chang '05, Jess Daigneault '04 and Danielle DeNufrio '03 have a chance to score for Lady Blue. Before the half ended, Laurel Sticklor '05 and Nell Bettie '05 got their shot to increase Andover's lead. The half was lit up by Vardaro's basket from behind the arc that sent Lady Blue's score to 27, with Nobles trailing with a mere 5 points. Before the half ended, Noble's score had crept up a little, leaving the half time score a praiseworthy 33-15.

In the second half, Lady Blue maintained a sizeable lead, but tired players and an already secured win allowed for the pace to slow down. Increased turnovers in the second half allowed Nobles score more than they had than in the first half as they added 21 points to their trailing score. Also, with such high chances of a win, the players had the opportunity to take more chances on the court.

Even though so many players got their time on the court, most of the scoring was done by a concentrated few people. Vardaro brought in an amazing 17 points while Coffin and Hanley brought in 14 and 13 points, respectively. Other scorers were Freeman and Daigneault, who each got a resounding cheer from the stands when they scored. In their improved defense, Lady Blue also succeeded in having less fouls, another big team goal.

Girls BBall Demolishes Two Opponents; Deerfield and Nobles Fall to the Big Blue

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	58
Deerfield	22
Andover	53
Noble & Greenough	36

The Girls' Basketball team is bringing it all together. This past week, the girls played two winning games that demonstrated how much effort they have been putting in at practice. They demolished Deerfield 58-22 and sent Nobles home disappointed with a decisive 53-36 victory over the squad .

Saturday's away game against Deerfield was marked by Lady Blue improvements. Even though Deerfield provided little competition, it gave the girls court time to work on their team goals. Cortney Tetrault '03, Danielle Vardaro '03, Meg Coffin '03, Mimi Hanley '04, and Kat Conlon '04 started for Andover and immediately went to work on scoring some early points. Throughout the game, the girls played up to their potential. Turnovers were limited to 15, rebounds were more frequent, and shooting percentages were high. The girls held an aggressive defense and kept the game pace high; Deerfield was unable to make it past Lady Blue's defense and had a sad 33% shooting percentage.

The game against Deerfield was also a chance for the non-starting string to get some real playing time. After the starters attained an intimidating lead, Coach Kennedy rotated in everyone off the bench, with thre e new players playing alongside two veteran players. This allowed for the newer players to pick up the skills of their first string counterparts.

Captain Vardaro was quick to notice Lady Blue's improvement and sheer skill. "We played with less mistakes and significantly less turnovers." She remarked, " It just reinforces that we're getting better and better each game as we play together."

Lead scorer Tetrault looked ahead to the teams next game, "Although Deerfield was one of our weaker opponents," she admitted, " it was a solid game and it helped us prepare for Nobles—and they're going to be pretty good." Of course, this was before Andover went on to rip Nobles to shreds and proved that they were better.

Last Wednesday, Lady Blue defeated Nobles, one of the best teams they will play all year, with

Continued on Page B2, Column 1

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Krystal Freeman '03 reaches above the throng of defenders to lay in a shot against Nobles.

Lady Hoopsters Dominate Big Red; Conlon Scores 16

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Brooks	52
Andover	48
Andover	53
Exeter	29
Tabor	56
Andover	40

Although they may be very good, they are still not the best.

Last week, the girl's went 1-2, taking down rival Exeter and dropping games to Brooks and defending New England Champions, the Tabor Seawolves. Despite a narrow 52-48 last-minute loss to Brooks, the girls came back to light up DiClemente court as they destroyed Exeter's team with a final score of 53-29. Last Wednesday, the girls traveled to Tabor for their second chance at a victory over the Seawolves, but their attempt for revenge resulted in a 56-40 loss.

The Brooks game started out with Coach Kennedy playing her usual starting five, Cortney Tetrault '03, Danielle Vardaro '03, Meg Coffin '03, Mimi Hanley '04, and Kat Conlon '04 before rotating to Krystal Freeman '03 and Laurel Sticklor '05. The first half started out slowly, with the teams trading baskets and without a clear leader.

In the second half, the same starting line returned and kept their lead for most of the half. However, with the Lady Blue's score stuck at 38, Brooks made basket after basket to gain a lead. Free throws and three pointer shots helped Andover keep up with their opponent, but Brooks' last minute score rally proved to be too much for Lady Blue to make up.

Even though this game tarnished the Lady Blue's close-to-perfect season record, the game was still marked with individual player highlights.

With few players doing any scoring, Conlon brought in 14 points, and Hanley brought in 10. Coffin, Vardaro, and Freeman each added 8 points to their total. Knowing they were in a bind for points, the team made nearly all of their free throws, missing only 1 out of 8.

With a game that held both the team and spectators in suspense right down to the final buzzer, the Lady Blue played hard the entire time. Lead scorer and Athlete of the Week Conlon explained the close defeat, "We only had seven offensive boards, and that really, really hurt us," she reasoned, "we had a hard time handling their star player, and we need to wok that out. I think we fought all game, and they capitalized on our weaknesses."

Veteran player Coffin agreed, "I think we got out executed in the end of the second half," she said, "and we had trouble shutting out some of their players." With Lady Blue being up 10 points in the middle of the second half, Brooks made a late comeback for their win.

The game against Exeter made basketball look too easy. The starters for Lady Blue, Freeman, Vardaro, Coffin, Hanley, and Conlon attacked Exeter's defense and established an early lead. Tetrault, Sticklor, Sarah Chang '05, and Jess Daigneault '04 all got their time to score some baskets for PA. Exeter's score didn't even break ten until the very end of the first half, which ended with the score 36-14 and little chance of an Exeter comeback.

After half time, the starting line went back in and kept their scores twice as large as Exeter's. With a lead so assuring so early, Coach K played the entire bench. The last few minutes were played entirely by the non-starting line; Rachel Shack '04, Jevan Jammal '06, Nell Beattie '05, and Danielle Denufrio '03 all got to play a good chunk of the game. When the half ended,

Continued on Page B3, Column 3

Athlete Of The Week

Kat Conlon '04

"Simply put, Kat works hard, she works smart, and she works fair."

—Coach Karen Kennedy

by Wes Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

She scores, she passes, and she can rebound. What more could you ask for in a Lady Blue Hoopster? Kat Conlon '04 can do it all on a basketball court. She has helped the team to a 10-3 record this season, in addition to a 20-2 mark last year. Her sharp shooting, gritty play, and stout defense pushed the team to a second place finish in the 2002 postseason tournament. Last Saturday, Conlon poured in 16 point, in helping the Girls down Exeter. For her skill and leadership, Kat Conlon '04 has been named the Athlete of the Week.

When Conlon entered Andover last year, the PA Girls' Varsity Basketball team inherited a priceless asset. Conlon, who had played for her former high school's varsity squad for three years and served as captain, would soon become the linchpin of PA's offensive assault.

Somehow, the girl destined to make a name for herself did not start playing b-ball until she turned eight. Conlon started playing basketball in the second grade. Growing up on Cape Cod, Conlon was an integral part of the intense rivalries that exist between the teams of the Cape. In a small region like Cape Cod, those rivalries were indeed heated.

"Huge rivalries between Cape Cod teams were the highlight of my childhood," Conlon recalled. "My friends and I used to make signs and draw tattoos all over ourselves as our pregame pump-up."

Playing on local town teams during the winter and All-Star teams in the spring, Conlon logged plenty of hours in front of her own raucous home court fans.

The memories of All-Star games stay with Conlon to this day. "The All-Star games are my most favorite basketball memories, hands down."

Basketball prowess runs in Conlon's family. Bridget, Conlon's older sister, played with her for two years on her high school team in Bourne. After their time on the court together, she commands a lot of respect from Kat.

"There are many famous basketball players that I admire, but I mostly look up to my sister. Although she does not play anymore, she is someone whose game I respect immensely." Conlon continued, "She has always shown a lot of heart on the court day in and out, and her attitude through her own basketball highs and lows has always inspired me to look to her as a sort of role model."

Conlon has had the good fortunate of having a few very capable coaches to guide her through her basketball career; "I have been blessed with amazing coaches. My dad is responsible for my first shots as a child, rebounding foul shots for me nightly. He coached me until high school in various youth league, and continues to coach for me before and after games." Conlon also mentioned her coaches, both at Andover and back home in Bourne. "The assistant varsity coach [at Bourne] never failed to keep me grounded and will always be someone with whom I can talk basketball. Coach K [Kennedy] has pushed me in practice both physically and mentally. She is a woman who loves the game as much as the girls on her team."

Kennedy returned Kat the kind words, saying, "She is dedicated and sincere with her intent and purpose. Simply put, Kat works hard, she works smart, and she works fair.

"I can't really speak to any weakness except to say that when Kat identifies a weakness, one that inhibits her quest in terms of her goals, she begins a process in changing that habit from weakness to strength."

Conlon's basketball future is bright. "I hope to play basketball in college." However, Conlon knows there is still much work to be done till she is ready to play college ball.

"As a player, there is so much that I have yet to accomplish and learn. There are hundreds of different areas for one to improve, which keeps me busy and motivated.

Conlon considers herself an all around threat and a well-balanced player, saying, "I do not have a signature move." She added with a smile, "I do however, love to steal the ball, nothing pumps me up more than aggressive defense."

Perhaps teammate Krystal Freeman '03 put it best, noting Conlon's work ethic, dedication and pleasant disposition, saying of Conlon, "Kat is always a dedicated team player, and an intensely hard worker who always brings a smile to games and practices."

PA's Woes Against Tabor Continue; Seawolves Win

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

with a 53-29 score, the Andover girls sent Exeter home crying.

Against Exeter, the girl's basketball team was on fire. Conlon and Vardaro brought in 16 and 11 points, respectively, with Conlon sending in three shots from behind the arc and Tetrault and Vardaro each bringing in a still admirable one. Following them was Coffin who added 10 points to the home team side of DiClemente scoreboard.

Wednesday's chance for revenge from Tabor proved to be too difficult for the Lady Blue to handle; the team was sent home with a 40-56 loss.

In the first half, the usual five starters had trouble finding their winning rhythm. After an early Tabor shooting spree and a bout of Blue turnovers, Coach Kennedy threw some new players into the mix. The new talent helped the game get going, but the Andover girls never came within sight of the high Tabor score. Starting out the second half, Andover shooting sprees worked to add a little balance to the score. The players were starting to find a better game plan, but, by the end of the half, there just wasn't enough time for a Blue revival.

Jammal was glad to see Andover come back after the loss, "We're beginning to heal the wound," she said. It is a phrase that has come to be known on the team to kick energy back into the girls after a very tough defeat.

Lady Hoopsters Pummel BB&N; Team Effort Paves Way for Win

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	57
BB&N	39

And the wins just keep on coming in. After the cancellation of last Friday's game against Suffield, the Lady Blue traveled to BB&N to come home with a commendable 57-39 victory. With this game setting the girls' season record to an amazing 11-3-0, this season is definitely going well for the Big Blue players.

Wednesday's game started out much like the rest of the season. The starting five, Captain Danielle Vardaro '03, Meg Coffin '03, Krystal Freeman '03, Mimi Hanley '04, and Kat Conlon '04 got on the court and tried to take on their opponent. Ending the first half with a slight 26-20 lead, there was no definite leader.

At half time, Coach Kennedy warned the players of the close score and pushed them to increase their energy. She told them that they needed to take control of the game and win. As usual, her mid-game pep talk helped the team focus when they got back onto the court after the buzzer.

In the second half, the Lady Blue took off after BB&N tied it up right after the buzzer. With their lead reaching a high of 20, the half was full of Andover intensity and endurance.

The defense stepped it up multiple times to create a barrier too strong for BB&N's offense. The score was boosted by the Blue's shooting sprees, where they took over the game and cleaned up their play.

J. Wardrop/ *The Phillipian*

Kat Conlon '04 pushes the ball upcourt, leading the Lady Blue to a huge win over the BB&N School, last Wednesday.

The game was an achievement for both the starting and non-starting lines. By the end of the half, the entire team had seen a good chunk of game time.

Conlon brought in multiple shots from behind the arc, while both Freeman and Tetrault praised the team for their defensive efforts. In the second half, the girls were able to put all of their skills together—their passing, shooting, defense, and ball control were about the best they have been all season.

Even the players were in agreement that the second half was well-played. Conlon remarked, "The second half we executed really well. It seemed like all of our shots were dropping. We swung the ball, we played tough defense. Everything we'd been working for all year worked out in the second half."

Laurel Sticklor '05, in agreement, summed it up, "Basically, we really exploded in the 2nd half."

Coffin noted the importance of the late-season game, "This is a pivotal game for us and it was very important that we won. It put us in a good place for post season play, so its good that we stepped it up" The Lady Blue knew when they needed to turn it up, and that's exactly what they did.

As the girls have only two games left--against NMH and Exeter--their season slowly draws to a close. The future, however, looks promising for lady Blue as their previous encounters with these teams resulted in monstrous wins.

Their final home game of the season, against the NMH Hoggers, is today at 6 pm at the DiClemente court.

Inside The Phillipian

PA Hoopsters Topple NMH As Conlon, Freeman Lead

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	57
NMH	29

It might have been Valentines Day, but there was no love in the air. Last Friday, the Girls Basketball team sent the Hoggers home 57-29.

The win gives the Lady Blue a 13-3 record as they head into their final regular season game against Exeter tomorrow.

Starters Captain Danielle Vardaro '03, Meg Coffin '03, Krystal Freeman '03, Mimi Hanley '04, and Kat Conlon '04 immediately went to work to secure an early lead.

Ten minutes into the game, the score stood at an impressive 25-6, and the win had essentially been clinched. The Hoggers' score did not even hit double digits until there was a minute left on the DiClemente scoreboard. When the buzzer went off for halftime, the score was 29-11.

In the second half, the Big Blue was merciless. After the starting line thoroughly tested the Hoggers' stamina, Coach Kennedy started pulling the starters out and giving court time to other players.

Coach K played the entire bench, and the girls still maintained their gigantic lead. With most of the starting line graduating, it was good to see the uppers, lowers, and even juniors step it up, readying themselves for the playing time they will see next season.

Even the newer players drained multiple threes and pushed the Hoggers' net continuously. The Andover defense kept NMH from putting anything through the net for a full six minute spree.

Conlon and Freeman led all scorers, each bringing in 12 points, with Freeman hitting her first three of the season. The hours the Lady Blue have logged, practicing and training, are beginning to show up in every game as the team finds their victorious rhythm.

Other standouts included Danielle Denufrio '03 and Christa Vardaro '06; both put in a shot from behind the arc and added multiple points to the Lady Blue's lead. Denufrio, with her on-target performance, talked about her role as a senior on the team. "Coach Kennedy asked the seniors to step it up a notch," she said, "I think all of us really did, and it really helped the team."

With the team comprised of many seniors, it is their responsibility to show leadership and inspire the younger players.

The post-season tournament, only weeks away, is on everyone's mind.

It will be the Lady Blue's chance to avenge their losses against Tabor, the reigning champions.

Sarah Chang '05 explained how the team plans to prepare for the upcoming schedule, "The game was great. We have one more week of playing before the tournament. We need to use that time to get it together to fulfill our team goals."

Laurel Sticklor '05 agreed with her fellow lower. "This was a good game for us to get organized for our upcoming game against Exeter and the tournament," she said.

Before the tournament starts, the Lady Blue has one last game against Exeter on Saturday.

The girls, who play at 5, hope to deny Exeter their chance for revenge. The last time Andover met up with Exeter on the basketball court, the Lady Blue bested Exeter by a final score of 53-29. That, however, was earlier this winter, and the girls know this next time around they will have to bring their A game in order to take out the Exies.

J. Bovaird/*The Phillipian*

Krystal Freeman '03 and Captain Danielle Vardaro '03 lead the Lady Blue assault on Exeter Saturday. With the victory over the Big Red, Andover clinched a trip to the postseason tourney.

Andover Lady Hoopsters Claim Victory In Heated Exeter Game

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	61
Exeter	48
Andover	60
Milton	44

The Lady Blue sure know how to make a comeback. In the last game of their regular season, the girls came back to take the win from dreaded Exeter, finishing the game with a final score of 61-48. Using the momentum they gathered from the Exeter game, the girls came home with another victory last Wednesday in the first game of the post-season tournament. Facing Milton Academy at BB&N, the Big Blue came back from behind to upset Milton 60-44. The girls will continue on in the tournament facing the Suffield Tigers tonight.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Coach Kennedy started the Exeter game her fron five, Captain Danielle Vardaro '03, Meg Coffin '03, Krystal Freeman '03, Mimi Hanley '04, and Kat Conlon '04. The girls focused on preventing the Big Red from avenging their last defeat against Andover earlier this season. The Andover-Exeter rivalry, coupled with the two teams' identical records standing at a solid 12-3, provided for fierce competition between the girls on both teams. This game also decided who was going to have a better spot in the post-season tournaments; last Saturday's face-off determined whether the Big Blue was going to have an advantage or disadvantage in their first play-off game.

The game began slowly, and it took the Blue quite some time to find their winning rhythm. Exeter got an early lead by making lucky shots and capitalizing on the Lady Blue's initial weaknesses.

It had been over a week since the Lady Hoopster's last game and the girls needed time to adjust. The squad had foolishly assumed that the game against Exeter would be an easy victory. This was not the case, as the Big Blue trailed for the majority of the entire first half. The girls worked hard to catch up to the Red and finished the half trailing by two points, with the score 28-30.

Coach Kennedy greeted the girls at halftime with a talk, as she explained the fact that the Big Blue needed this win and that they were completely capable of demolishing the Exies. She reminded the girls of their previous encounter with their rivals, saying that even though they were not back on Andover's DiClemente court, it was still the same game. She also brought up specifics, telling the girls exactly what they needed to fix. Coach Kennedy summed it up, saying, "During the halftime we discussed our choice to struggle or to accept what is and counter."

In the second half, the Andover offense caught fire. The girls pumped up the intensity of their defense, maintained better control of the ball, and took it to Exeter's hoop. Playing against the loud screaming and chanting eminating from the mouths of the Exeter fans, clad in red, the Lady Hoopsters were able to take control of the game and pull through for the win.

Continued on Page 11, Column 3

Girls Basketball Finishes Second in New England

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

For the second year in a row, the Girls Basketball team arrived at the New England Championship final game against Tabor, and again, for the second year in a row, were unable to take home the league title. Nevertheless, the Blue pulled through with an unbelievable season, finishing as New England's second place team.

The Blue finished the year with an admirable 15-4 record, including three heartbreaking losses to the league champion, Tabor. Captained by Danielle Vardaro '03 and anchored by returnees Meg Coffin '03, Krystal Freeman '03, Cortney Tetrault '03, Kat Conlon '04 and Mimi Hanley '04, the girls enjoyed yet another stellar season.

The team's first game, an easy 68-29 win against Brewster, was only a good omen of things to come. After Thanksgiving vacation, the Lady Blue got right back onto the court to take down GDA in a well-fought 50-40 comeback victory. After a full 10 days apart, the team worked hard and found its winning rhythm.

The girls continued into winter vacation, during which the Blue played three intense games against Harvard, Loomis, and New Hampton. While the team lost to Harvard, it handily defeated Loomis and New Hampton.

Rusty in its first game back after winter break, the Andover team was unable to keep up with the Tabor Seawolves, falling 53-72. Instead of getting discouraged, however, the team followed up the defeat with a five-game winning streak, beating Milton, NMH, Deerfield, Nobles, and Worchester. The girls worked hard to improve all aspects of their game. The Lady Blue especially focused on developing an aggressive defense that kept team fouls low and an offense with crisp passes and shots.

Even with the Lady Hoopsters' tacking on numerous wins to its season standings, Captain Vardaro was quick to point out the importance of every game and every shot. After another Andover win, she explained, "It's another game showing us that the little things are going to be what's going to make it or break it come tournament time."

Breaking its winning streak, the PA team added two losses to its record with a surprising close 48-52 home loss to Brooks and its second loss to Tabor. The girls did, however, beat archrival Exeter, with a score of 53-29.

PA finished off their last three in-season games with three more wins, putting them in a good seed for the post-season tournament. Beating BB&N, NMH, and Exeter, the girls secured a third place seed in the post season tournaments that would eventually lead them to the NE Championship game.

In the first round of the tournament, the girls played Choate, and won to the tune of 60-44. Just two days later, the girls traveled to Williston to play Suffield. Unlike the other teams the Blue had played, or would play, the Suffield squad had not yet faced the PA girls all season. The girls seemed unfazed by the fact that the Tigers went into the game undefeated, handing the Suffield Tigers their only loss of the season. Thanks to stellar play by star shooter Conlon, the Lady Blue came through with a 46-32 lead and a spot in the finals.

Finally, the pressure settled on the final game against the reigning champions, the Tabor Seawolves. A rematch of last year's final game, this game showed that the Andover team wanted nothing more than to avenge last year's defeat. Despite the fire that the girls had in their hearts, they were unable to overcome the Seawolves, taking a 37-52 loss.

In such a competitive league, the team does indeed realize how much its second place trophy means. Just because they were unable to deliver a win in the final game does not mean the season was unsuccessful, as the girls' season was full of accomplishments, for both individuals and the entire team.

Among those who improved greatly was Conlon, who finished the season as the team's leading scorer with 225 points. Conlon was quick to point out all the improvements the team made, saying, "We started out the season not knowing that we'd do as well as we did. We set goals early on, and fell just one game short of meeting them in the Championship game."

Tetrault was satisfied with the season, commenting, "Although we ended up losing the champpionship for the second year in a row to Tabor, we had a good season overall. You know, someone has to lose at the end of the season, and its just too bad when you're the runner-up. But, we did have a great season, and that's nothing to forget. From the beginning no one thought we'd even make it to the championship game, so it felt good to make it that far."

Coffin, the team's leading rebounder with 144 rebounds this season, added, "It was a challenge through the whole season to be prepared for each game. The progression of the team was overwhelming at a lot of times because we did so well and were very successful. It was a great way to end my Senior season."

SPORT: Boys Hockey

YEAR: 2002 - 2003

CAPTAIN: **John Doherty**

MANAGER:

COACH: Dean Boyland
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Tom Guden

SEASON RECORD

WON 16 **LOST** 7 **TIED** 3

Letter Winners

Adams, Joe
Boylan, Dean
Cahill, Chris
Chiozzi, Paul
Dignard, Tom
Doherty, John
Englehardt, Paul
Ernst, Ben
Fram, Matt
Hoerner, Ben
Kennedy, Tom
Kucharski, Kyle
Mazzolini, Nick
McMahon, Mike
Mittnacht, Artie
Schneider, Cory
Smith, Peter
Thunell, Hunter
Turro, Stephen
Vaslet, Garrett
Ward, Drew (capt.)
Ward, Matt
Sarah wendal

Boys Hockey

			PA	OPP
Sat. 11/16/2002	(H)	BROOKS	scrimmage	
Wed. 11/20/2002	(H)	WORCESTER	5	0
Wed. 12/4/2002	(H)	TILTON	7	1
Sat. 12/7/2002	(H)	ST. MARK'S	3	0
Sun. 12/15/2002	(A)	PINGREE	8	4
Mon. 12/16/2002	(H)	ST. PAUL'S	4	2
Fri. 12/20/2002	(A)	MILTON@ NOBLES	4	1
Sat. 12/21/2002	(A)	SALISBURY@MILTON	2	2 (OT)
Sat. 12/21/2002	(A)	DEERFIELD @ MILTON	1	1 (OT)
Sun. 12/22/2002	(A)	NOBLES @ NOBLES	2	1
Wed. 1/8/2003	(H)	BRIDGTON ACADEMY	7	1
Sat. 1/11/2003	(H)	EXETER	5	1
Wed. 1/15/2003	(A)	ST. SEBASTIANS	2	3 (OT)
Fri. 1/17/2003	(H)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	2	2
Sat. 1/18/2003	(A)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	2	3
Wed. 1/22/2003	(H)	BREWSTER ACADEMY	5	1
Sat. 1/25/2003	(H)	LOOMIS	8	3
Wed. 1/29/2003	(A)	DEERFIELD	2	5
Fri. 1/31/2003	(H)	BELMONT HILL	3	1
Sat. 2/1/2003	(H)	B. B. & N.	3	0
Wed. 2/5/2003	(A)	K.U.A.	7	0
Sat. 2/8/2003	(H)	PROCTOR	4	0
Wed. 2/12/2003	(A)	CUSHING	4	5
Fri. 2/14/2003	(H)	TABOR	1	2
Mon. 2/17/2003	(A)	WINCHENDON	7	1
Wed. 2/19/2003	(H)	N.M.H.	1	3
Sat. 2/22/2003	(A)	EXETER	1	3

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY
2003

Num	Name	Class	Pos	Ht/Wgt	Hometown
1	Schneider, Cory	2004	G	6'2"/190	Marblehead, MA
2	Ernst, Ben	2004	D	6'0"/170	Saratoga Springs, NY
3	Fram, Matt	2004	F	6'1"/188	Methuen, MA
5	Boylan, Dean	2003	D	6'0"/210	Andover, MA
6	Thunell, Hunter	2006	D	6'1"/170	Walpole, MA
7	McMahon, Mike	2006	D	5'9"/150	Wilmington, MA
8	Smith, Peter	2003	F	6'3"/210	S.Hamilton, MA
9	Kennedy, Tom	2003	F	6'1"/160	Lawrence, MA
10	Mazzolini, Nick	2003	F	6'1"/188	Anchorage, AK
11	Hoerner, Ben	2005	F	6'0"/155	Andover, MA
12	Turro, Stephen	2004	F	5'8"/170	Wantage, NJ
13	Chiozzi, Paul	2003	F	5'10"/175	Andover, MA
15	Dignard, Tom	2006	D	5'9"/170	Reading, MA
17	Mittnacht, Artie	2004	F	6'1"/175	Princeton, NJ
18	Adams, Joe	2003	F	5'10"/172	Wayzata, MN
19	Ward, Drew (capt.)	2003	D	6'2"/185	Boxford, MA
20	Cahill, Chris	2006	F	6'0"/175	N.Andover, MA
21	Doherty, John	2003	D	6'4"/215	Lynnfield, MA
23	Vaslet, Garrett	2003	F	5'9"/145	Seekonk, MA
24	Kucharski, Kyle	2005	F	6'2"/173	Saugus, MA
33	Ward, Matt	2006	G	5'9"/160	Boxford, MA
35	Englehardt, Paul	2006	F	5'5"/130	Bay City, MI

COACH: DEAN BOYLAN
ASSISTANT COACH: TOM GUDEN
MGR: JULIA BACON

1/11/03 Blue Topples Red in First Full Andover/Exeter Game at Harrison Rink
PA 1 2 2 = 5
PEA 0 0 1 = 1
With last year's finale forced to move to the Sumner Smith Rink after a Zamboni mishap, Saturday's match-up between the two rivals was the first complete Andover/Exeter game at PA's new Harrison Rink. Riding a ten game unbeaten string (8-0-2 coming into this game), the Blue played a very strong game, took advantage of its opportunities, and forged an impressive 5-1 win. Cory Schneider was brilliant in net for PA, stopping 34 of 35 shots and coming within two and a half minutes of earning a shutout against a talented Exeter squad. Kyle Kucharski scored with just 1:25 gone in the first period to give Andover a 1-0 lead. The first goal of the second quarter would be critical since a 1-1 tie could play out in vastly different fashion than a 2-0 Andover lead. As it turned out PA netted two goals in the stanza with Joe Adams and John Doherty lighting the lamp. Nick Mazzolini and Chris Cahill added third period goals to secure the victory and delight the home crowd. Mazzolini also had 2 assists. In addition to denying Exeter scoring rushes with a number of key stops, especially in the first two periods, Schneider even had an assist on Cahill's goal. Coach Boylan was pleased that, "Everyone had a hand in this win," and added "Coach Guden and I thought we played very hard as a team."

Athlete Of The Week

Cory Schneider '04

"Cory has always been there for us, showing us over and over that he has the will to win, and that will is contagious"

—Teammate Kyle Kucharski '05

by Wes Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Pucks have been flying at the Harrison Hockey Rink all season, but somehow, very few have made their way into the back of the Andover net. The Boys' Hockey Team has yet to lose a game, a record made all the more impressive following last year's sub par season. While hockey is a team sport, much of the credit, and deservedly so, has been bestowed upon goalie Cory Schneider '04 for the team's success. For his spectacular play in net and dedication to his sport and team, Schneider is the Athlete of the Week.

It all began at the age of five for Cory, when he first learned to skate and took to hockey. Though there were tough times in the beginning, the same difficulties any novice skater faces the first few times out on the ice, Schneider knew quite quickly this sport was for him. However, another two years went by and at the age of seven, Schneider found his position. Soon Cory was perfectly at home between the pipes, not always the best, but certainly trying the hardest. Schneider has been a student of the game ever since, always dedicated to his sport, hockey, and to his craft, goaltending. With the support of his parents and teammates, Cory has grown to love the game of hockey. "I like the game so much because it is so fast paced; you always have to be ready. It is also a great combo of athletics and thinking at the same time."

Corey came to Andover as a new tenth-grader, and although he was just a lower when he began seeing time in net for the Blue, his on-ice presence and performance command great respect from his teammates and coach. "Cory has always been there for us," said two-year teammate Kyle Kucharski '05, "showing us over and over that he has the will to win, and that will is contagious."

As Coach Dean Boylan put it, the reason that Cory has been such a successful goalie for the team is three pronged. "He is extremely competitive and athletic. He has great size, and the combination of these three traits really set him apart from a lot of the other goaltenders throughout the prep school teams we play." Boylan noted that Cory's competitive nature has certainly pushed him through tough and grueling practices. "He is a workaholic on the ice who really pushes himself to get better in every drill we run. Just as important is the fact that he has fun while he is pushing himself to improve."

As far as individual accolades go, Schneider is thrilled to be named AOTW, but team success drives him the most. So far this season, the Big Blue have skated their way to plenty of victories. "The team has done great so far," Schneider boasted with a smile. "We have really gelled well; everyone is doing what they need to in order for us to win." Of course, Cory credits his teammates helping him out. "The forwards cover their men, and the defensemen take care of business in front of me, so they make my job easier."

As a goalie, Cory has one of the most stressful positions on the team. Schneider, though, has learned to thrive on this intense pressure, both on the ice and in the classroom. "I like being goalie because I like to make an impact on the game. A lot of the time the final outcome reflects how the goalie played, good or bad, and I like having that responsibility." That self-confident and responsible attitude is likely what Cory admires in his NHL idol. Not surprisingly, Cory admires a goalie, Martin Brodeur of the New Jersey Devils. Over the years, Cory has watched Brodeur's play style closely, and has tried to use them in his own games. "I study him a lot because he plays the position so well." Watching as Brodeur's Devil hoisted the Stanley Cup in 1995 and then again, five years later, in 2000, Cory knew that with hard work, dedication and willpower, all of his dreams could be realized.

For most athletes, their fondest memory is always great victory; Cory's is a close loss. While there have been plenty of big wins in Cory's past, and hopefully future, it was instead last year's 1-0 overtime loss to Exeter that came to mind first. With a fiery competitor like Cory, losses, especially to archrivals, do not diminish in magnitude quickly in his mind. Schneider prefers a challenge to an easy win, any day. Reminiscing about the game Cory remembered, "No one expected anything out of us, but we took [Exeter] down to the wire. Just a wild game and fun to be a part of." Andover had gone into the game with Exeter an underdog, and nearly emerged victors.

Much is sure to come from Schneider, still only an upper, during the remainder of this season and throughout the next one. His determination and athleticism combined are hard to top. His unwavering attention to the good of the team will serve the men in blue well. The words of his coach express Cory's worth to the team well. "I appreciate his emphasis on the team's success versus any concern about himself. He is a valued team member who has a tremendous future thanks to his character and work ethic."

BOYS HOCKEY CONTINUES TO WIN ON BREAK

Continued from Page B1, Column 4

could seal the deal in OT and the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

In possibly the biggest and most important game of the tournament Andover played the number one ranked Deerfield. The Big Green, known for its strong hockey program, came out very strong and launched an outstanding 31 shots at PA net-minder Schneider. However, due to an excellent defensive performance,DA was only able to get one of theses shots into the net. Then shortly after Kucharski, after receiving a pass from captain Drew Ward '03 skated through the neutral zone and took a slap shot from inside the blue line to score the game-tying goal. Neither team was able to score in the overtime period and thus the game ended in a tie. Both teams played very well in front of a large crowd of parents and scouts.

In the consolation game against Noble and Greenough, despite being thoroughly exhausted, the Big Blue was still able to pull through with a respectable 2-1 victory as Adams, and Cahill scored Andover's goals. The Big Blue ended the Flood-Marr tournament tired, and ready for a well-deserved break with a record of 2-0-2.

Then this past Wednesday in front of a crowd of adoring fans the Phillips Academy hockey team did battle against Bridgeton Academy (which boasted a roster consisting entirely of postgraduates). The game started off with a bang and appeared fairly even until Adams, with 10:46 left to play in the first period, passed it behind his back to Mazzolini who took a wrist shot which landed the puck in the back of the net for the first goal of the game.

Later on Ward scored another goal giving Andover a 2-0 lead going into the second period. Bridgeton came out of the locker room and onto the ice a better and more determined hockey team. Schneider was only able to hold back the Bridgeton barrage for so long and he let a Bridgeton shot get by which made the score 2-1. Ward promptly responded with his own score, one that he put in off a rebound from Mazzolini. Ben Hoerner '05 scored the last goal of the period when he skated around the goal and watched his shot ricochet off the goalie's skate and into the net.

The third period belonged to the Big Blue from start to finish as Hunter Thunnell '06, Mazzolini, and Pete Smith '03 all scored some insurance goals in the final period. In the end the score was 7-1 and the Mighty Blue remained undefeated.

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Boys' Hockey continued its hot streak on Wednesday, with a win over Bridgeton Academy.

Boys Hockey Bests Bridgeton; Undefeated After Tournament

by Mac King
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	7
Bridgeton	1

Over the break, while the rest of their peers were lounging around sleeping and watching television, the Boy's Varsity Hockey team upheld their undefeated title and bettered their record to an outstanding 8-0-2. The Big Blue played a total of six games over vacation (four of them during the Flood-Mar tournament at Milton Academy), and one game after the break this past Wednesday. Now ranked 4th in the New England prep poll the PA team looks to be the best it has been for some time.

BOYS' HOCKEY

The first game over the break was a victory against Pingree. After going weeks with little ice time, the team started the game with some sloppy play. But as the game progressed so did the Phillips Academy level of play. Starting off the game with just one goal in the first period the Big Blue quickly stepped it up scoring three goals in the second period and another four in the third period. While John Doherty '03, Kyle Kucharski '05, and Tommy Dignard all scored goals, the true offensive powerhouse this game featured the dynamic duo of Nick Mazzolini '03 and Joe Adams '03. These two had a combined total of 5 goals and 4 assists and had a hand in every PA score. On the defensive end of things junior goalie Matt Ward '06 played a solid game, saving 16 of 20 shots and only giving up four goals. The game resulted in a PA victory and a final score of 8-4.

The next game occurred here at home against St. Pauls. The visitors scored first with 12:07 left to play in the first period. Paul Chiozzi '03 scored on a pass from Artie Mittnacht '04 less than thirty seconds afterwards to put the Big Blue on the scoreboard. Then with 22 seconds left in the period Tommy Dignard '06 snuck one by the St. Pauls keeper to tie it up going in to the second period. Goals by Chris Cahill '06 and Nick Mazzolini '03 in the second and third periods helped to seal the deal and get the 4-2 win over St. Pauls. Cory Schneider '04 played an outstanding game between the pipes, saving 30 of 32 shots.

Andover played four games in the Flood-Marr tournament at Milton: Their opponents were Milton Academy, Salisbury, number one ranked Deerfield and a consolation match against Noble and Greenough, respectively. Due to the format of the tournament, games consisted of only two periods with an overtime period if tied at the end of regulation. In the Andover/Milton game both teams scored one goal early and stayed tied until the second period when the Big Blue began a fierce offensive stand, shelling the Milton keeper with shots and racking up three goals in the process. John Doherty '03, Ben Ernst '04, Tommy Dignard '06 and Garret Vaslet '03 scored the game's goals. Andover won the game 4-1 and was allowed to advance to the next round of the tournament.

Game two against Salisbury provided Andover with its biggest challenge of the tournament. In the first period Salisbury got things started with an early goal and took a 2-0 lead over Andover into the second period. However in the second period Phillips came back strong. Two goals scored by Joe Adams '03 and Mazzolini tied the game at 2, sending the game into an overtime period. Neither team

Continued on Page B3, Column 4

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Kyle Kucharski '05 maneuvers the puck across the blueline, looking to light the lamp.

Boys Hockey Suffers 2nd Loss of Season to Nobles

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

PA held this lead until the final dwindling minutes of the second period when GDA's McGuirk found the back of the net for the second time in the period, and tied things up once more. In the third period neither team was able to score, and the game went into sudden death over time. When the buzzer sounded, signifying the end of the third period, and the players vacated the ice defenseman Ben Ernst '04 remained down. Ernst was taken off the ice and later diagnosed with a broken collar bone. The game went into two OT periods during which time neither team was able to score. This resulted in a 2-2 tie with spectacular play between the pipes from both goalies.

The next morning the Boys in Blue were ready to face off against Noble and Greenough. Coming off a tough OT tie the day before the Boys on Ice were perhaps a little "out of it" at the beginning of the period and let in two early goals. Twelve minutes and forty seconds later, however, left wing Kyle Kucharski '05 got a turnover in the slot and scored an unassisted goal on the Nobles keeper. This put Andover on the board for the first time that game.

Thirty seconds after the face off of the second period Pete Smith '03 passed to Nick Mazzolini '03 who took a slap shot that rebounded of the Nobles goalie's skate. Adams skated in and picked up the puck, putting it in the back of the net to make it a tie game.

Things remained tied up until the end of the third period when a Nobles forward was able to score from the crease to give Nobles the lead. When the buzzer sounded the final score was 3-2 in favor of Nobles, and Andover had acquired its second loss of the season.

This past Wednesday Andover took on Brewster Academy (Division Two) with Ward '06 making his second ever Andover start in net. The first period began quickly with a lot of shots on goal, and the Andover fourth line seeing a lot of playing time.

In this shooting gallery of a period neither team was able to tally a point, and the period ended with the game still tied at zero. In the second period the PA offense exploded, and the fourth line started to see less time on the ice. The period began on a power play with two Brewster players in the box big. Captain Drew Ward '03 passed across the goal and Mazzolini put it in glove side of the Brewster net minder. Later on in the period goals by team Captain Ward and defenseman John Doherty '03 put PA up 3-0.

The only close call of the period came when Andover was two men down and the Brewster offensive line began to pound the younger Ward in the net. But Matt held his own and deflected every shot keeping his shutout intact.

The third period belonged to Andover early when freshman scoring machine Chris Cahill '06 put one by the Brewster keeper. Brewster responded shortly after with their first goal of the game which put them down 4-1. Then in the last dwindling minutes of the game Mazzolini, on a breakaway, deked out the goalie and with a simple flick of his wrist sealed the deal at 5-1 to give Andover a decisive victory.

2 GOALS FROM ADAMS '03 LEAD HOCKEY TO TIE

SCHNEIDER SOLID IN NET

Team Finishes Up and Down Week With Big Win

by Mac King
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

After dropping their first game of the season to Saint Sebastian's last week, the Andover Boys' Hockey team has been in somewhat of a funk. Coming off the tough loss against "St. Seb's" the Big Blue racked up a tie against Governor Dummer Academy on Friday, a loss against Noble and Greenough on Saturday, and their first win in four games against Brewster Academy on Wednesday.

BOYS' HOCKEY

All in all the Boys on Ice have scored fifty-nine goals this season and goalies Cory Schneider '04 and Matt Ward '06 have let in only 23. The Andover Blue record now stands at 10-2-3.

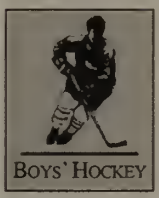
Andover got on the board early in the first period against Governor Dummer when Joe Adams '03 received a pass from Tommy Dignard '06 and took a wrist shot which sailed, glove side, just out of the goalie's reach, resulting in a goal. The rest of the period was full of hard hits and board denting shots, with neither team able to find the back of the net. The period ended with Andover still leading 1-0. The second period began quicker than the first when, just a measly forty-five seconds into the period, burly GDA forward McGuirk put one by Schneider to tie things up. Eleven seconds later, as if in response, Adams skated down the ice and scored his second goal of the day to regain the lead.

Continued on Page B3, Column 1

Boys Hockey Goes Undefeated; Mazzolini Leads Scoring Frenzy

by Mac King
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	3
Belmont Hill	1
Andover	3
BB&N	0
Andover	7
KUA	0



Coming off a rough two week stretch of hockey that featured losses to Nobles, St Sebastian's, and number one in the league Deerfield, the Boys' Hockey team spent this past week getting back on track.

With a win against Belmont Hill last Friday, a shutout against BB&N on Saturday, and a third blowout victory over Kimball Union Academy on Wednesday, the team looks to be back in their groove. The Big Blue, led by Mazzolini '03, racked up thirteen goals this week.Additionally, Upper goalie Cory Schneider '04 played twelve phenomenal periods, letting only one goal in. Andover is now ranked eighth in the New England Prep Poll and has bettered their record to 14-3-3.

On Friday, just two days after their tough loss to Deerfield, the team took on Belmont Hill in the Ted Harrison Hockey Rink, in front of their ever-faithful crowd of adoring fans. The game remained scoreless until Joe Adams '03 scored off a pass from Nick Mazzolini at 10:22, giving Andover the lead.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Nick Mazzolini '03 takes the puck up the ice for the Big Blue in their high scoring victory against KUA.

During the remainder of the first period, neither team could score again as Andover held a 1-0 lead.

Phillips really pulled ahead in the second when Adams scored again, off of a pass from Mazzolini, putting the Big Blue up by two and giving both Adams and Mazzolini their second points of the game. Roughly five minutes later, Belmont, not willing to back down just yet, snuck one by Andover net-minder Schneider and began to close the gap. Despite this new threat, the Blue kept their cool and, on a pass from Tommy Dignard '06, big defensemen John Doherty '03 gave Andover a final insurance goal to end the game. The entire team played well and Schneider played yet another remarkable game, saving twenty-nine of thirty shots.

After defeating Belmont and regaining their confidence, the team took on Buckingham Brown & Nichols the next day in a close game at home. The first and second periods were defensive battles with many amazing saves from both goaltenders. Whether the refs were BB&N alumni or not was debatable but either way Andover seemed to be called for more penalties then they felt they rightly deserved. The Blue, however, did a superb job of killing these penalties and preventing BB&N from scoring.

After two periods that result-

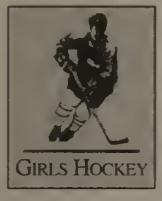
Continued on Page B3, Column 5

Hockey Skates Past Kimball, Falls to Tabor As Lannan and Moramarco Supply Offense

by Kathleen Minahan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**8**
KUA	**0**
Andover	**5**
Tabor	**8**

After thrashing Kimball Union 8-0 on Saturday, the Girls' Varsity Hockey team came out for Wednesday's game looking for revenge against Tabor Academy. The Seawolves defeated the Blue 1-0 in the championship game of the Taft tournaments this winter and the girls haven't forgotten this heartbreaking loss.


GIRLS HOCKEY

Before taking on Tabor the girls faced off against Kimball Union at home last Saturday. KUA's goalie had a tough game, as her efforts were not enough to stop the Blue from delivering an 8-0 beating to her team.

During the early part of the first period, Andover controlled the play in their offensive zone, but was frustrated as the KUA goalie turned away many quality shots. Eight minutes into the game, Lower Lindsay Baker '05 scored her first varsity goal after a scramble in front of the net. On the next face off, fellow lineman Julie Wadland '06 found herself in front of an open net and put the puck away, giving the Blue a 2-0 lead.

The second period was a scoring bonanza as the Blue took 14 shots and put the biscuit in the basket four times. PG Alix Warren '03 and Kate Leonard '03, both of whom have been powerful players for the Blue this season, scored two goals apiece.

The Blue continued to dominate play during the third period, but only found the net twice. After five minutes of play, Leonard wound up and found the net for her third goal of the evening, giving her the all-illusive hat-trick. Not to be out done, Warren grabbed the puck a minute latter and added another goal to the tally, grabbing her own hat trick and sealing the deal by a score of 8-0.

The outcome of the game was commendable, but even more noteworthy was the effort that the team put into it. While clearly the superior team, the Blue never let down and played hard to the end. As Marissa Hudson '04 put it, "We played our game and didn't let down even after we scored a few goals. We kept the intensity up and finished the game well." This intensity will serve the Blue well in the future.

The Blue was fired up for their rematch with the Tabor Seawolves. The Blue let the Seawolves control the game during the first period as Tabor outshot the Blue 8-5.

Halfway into the second period, the Blue took the lead with two phenomenal goals from Lindsay Moramarco '06. Captain Taryn Zucker '03 and Susannah Orzell '03 assisted the first of her goals. Orzell also had the assist on Moramarco's second goal, which came less than ten seconds after her first. Tabor narrowed the Blue's lead to one with a scored late in the period.

After ten minutes of play, Kelly Lannan'03 secured the win for the Blue, putting the puck in the back of the net. The Blue gave up one more goal to the desperate Seawolves, but held strong for the win.

Coach Martha Fenton expressed her pleasure with Wednesday's win saying, "This was the kind of win we needed... we were able to take the lead and keep it with a great team effort. Tabor challenged us right to the end, but the team played a smart, aggressive game to win it."

Wednesday's win was a real morale booster for the Blue. With several tough games coming up in the near future, the Blue has picked a good time to turn up the intensity. This evening, the girls face NMH away before hosting Nobles next Wednesday at 3:30 in what promises to be one of their most challenging games of the season.

C. Harold/*The Phillipian*

Kelly Lannan '03 winds up to launch a slap shot on net, aiming to add to her already high goal total.

C. Harold/*The Phillipian*

Joe Adams '03 evades a defender, shielding the puck as he streaks towards the goal.

Boys on Ice Blank KUA; Schneider '04 Sharp In Net

Continued on Page B1, Column 6

ed in no goals being scored, Andover began to pull ahead. The first goal was scored by Adams, who scored stick side on a pass from Mazzolini only three minutes and forty-six seconds into the period. Following up Adams' goal was Chris Cahill '06, scoring an unassisted goal from the hash marks that went glove side to put Andover up 2-0. Adams followed up the Cahill goal with an open-netter, giving him his fourth goal in two games. Schneider saved all twenty-seven shots he faced and racked up his third shutout of the season. The game ended 3-0 in favor of the boys in blue.

This past Wednesday, the Andover hockey team traveled up to K.U.A. and absolutely demolished the Kimball team. The first goal of the game was scored six minutes and thirty two seconds into the period by Doherty. After Doherty's goal, the score remained 1-0 until Mazzolini scored a short-handed goal with just twelve seconds left in the period. From then on the game simply dissolved into an Andover shooting gallery. Adams and Mazzolini both scored short-handed goals in the second period. In the third period, Cahill scored one, and Mazzolini scored two more. When the dust had settled, the final score was 7-0 in favor of Andover. As usual, Schneider played an outstanding game, saving all thirty-two shots that came to him, en route to acquiring his fourth shutout this season and his second in a row. Despite excellent work in-between the pipes on Schneider's part, it was the offensive scoring frenzy that gave the Big Blue their advantage. Mazzolini led the way, scoring an astonishing four goals while helping to lead his team to victory.

After an extremely productive week and coming off a big loss, the squad appears to be back on track and is looking forward to playing Winchendon on Friday.

PA Hockey Finishes Hard Week; Blue Fall to Seawolves and NMH

by Mac King
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Tabor	2
Andover	1
NMH	3
Andover	1

Tough times continued for the Boys Hockey team. The squad lost their second and third games in a row to Tabor and NMH. It was essential that the Big Blue claimed victory against the Hoggers on Wednesday. Going into the third period of their second contest, it seemed as if the Andover squad, holding a 1-0 lead, would be able to pull off a win. The team, however, was unable to finish off the game on a strong note, falling to NMH by a score of 3-1.

Despite a lackluster week, goalie Cory Schneider '04 played exceptionally well and saved twenty-four out of the twenty-six shots. Andover's record currently stands at 15-6-3, and the Boys in Blue have dropped to the ten spot in the New England Prep Poll.

On Friday afternoon, the Andover Boys Hockey stayed on campus to take on the Tabor Seawolves in what turned out to be an incredibly close game.

The first period was intense with neither team able to sneak one by the other team's goalie. Tabor then scored on a power play a mere four minutes into the second period. Andover's Nick Mazzolini '03 followed up the Seawolves' goal with a nice slap shot of this own, which he scored off a nice feed from John Doherty '03. The game was once again tied.

For the rest of the period, the Big Blue let loose fourteen shots but were not able to capitalize on any, and the period ended one-all. The third period (like the first two before it) was very tight, and both teams had ample scoring opportunities. Finally, with only forty-five seconds left to play, the Seawolves snuck one by Schneider and secured the game in their favor. Andover picked up their first heartbreaking loss of the week. At the end of the game, Kyle Kucharski '05 put it well when he said, "The whole team played well, and the Seawolves got a pair of lucky goals towards the end."

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Nick Mazzolini '03 dekes out a Tabor defender. Despite Mazzolini's best efforts, the Blue fell 2-1.

On Wednesday the Ted Harrison rink was packed to the brim full of supporters for both Andover and the Hoggers. In the first period, the game appeared to be very close and both goalies played extremely well. Andover's big offensive boost came in the last two minutes of the period when the Blue unleashed a hailstorm of shots and absolutely blasted the NMH net minder. But the Big Blue was still unable to put the biscuit in the basket, and the period ended all tied up at zero.

In the second period, the score remained close, and both teams were confronted with a surplus of scoring opportunities. Finally with only 3:59 left to play in the second period, Joe Adams '03 let loose a wrister that flew top shelf and gave Andover the first goal of the game.

Following up Adams' goal was a shot launched by Chris Cahill '06 that sent the puck bouncing off the crossbar and just nearly missed a goal. The period ended with Andover in the lead.

In the third period, the game began to slip out of PA's control and the Hoggers began to take over. The first two goals were scored with 13:23 and then 11:19 left to play in the game. With only 2:32 remaining, Northfield Mount Hermon scored a third and final goal. While NMH had a player in the box, the Andover team pulled its goalie and gave themselves a two-man advantage. Despite this six on four offensive powerhouse, Andover was unable to score and lost the game by a 3-1 deficit. Both Schneider and the Hogger goalie played excellent games, while coming through to save their teams time and time again.

The team needs to win their final two games of the season in order to earn a playoff birth. After this rough week, the team is looking forward to taking down Exeter on Saturday.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Corey Schneider '04 locks up the net, as an Exeter forward attempts to put a shot past him in Saturday's 3-1 loss.

Goalie Schneider '04 Saves 65 of 68 Attempted Shots

Continued from Page 12, Column 6

With mere seconds left in the game, Exeter high scoring forward LaFreniere broke away and fired one into the open net. It was a final bit of salt in an already painful wound. Andover lost the game, 3-1.

Schneider played yet another amazing game and really kept his team alive in the first and second periods. Pete Smith '03 and Captain Drew Ward '03, although they did not tally goals of their own, were significant contributors to the offensive production.

Despite a valiant effort by the Andover team, the dreaded Exies took the victory, leaving the Blue with a final season record of 16-7-3.

Last Thursday's game against Winchendon was nothing short of a blowout, with Andover dominating from start to finish. 13 minutes into the first period, Tom Kennedy '03 scored the first goal on a pass from Stephen Turro '04. Kennedy's goal gave the Blue the momentum they needed to notch a well-needed victory.

With only 1:52 left to play in the first period, Mazzolini deked out three defenders and the goalie, and then passed the puck to Smith who shot and scored the second goal of the game. The period ended 2-0 in favor of the Big Blue.

The second period was relatively low scoring, with the Blue and Winchendon each notching one goal. Andover's Adams scored an unassisted goal to keep the Blue's lead at two points.

In the third period, the Andover team pulled ahead of the Winchendon squad by scoring four goals. Adams scored two more goals fairly early in the period, both assisted by Mazzolini. Kyle Kucharski '05 then scored on a feed from Garret Vaslet '03. Turro notched a pair of goals to conclude the day's drubbing of Winchendon.

In the two games that the Big Blue played last week, the Andover offense was able to find the back of the net eight times and take a grand total of 59 shots. On the other side of the ice, goalie Schneider played incredibly, saving 65 of 68 attempted shots.

Though saddened by the team's loss last Saturday, Captain Ward looked back fondly on the season, saying, "This year has been an incredibly successful season. We battled hard and turned the program around. Overall, this has been a journey we won't forget. It's been a season to 'Ooo' and 'Ah' at. A little finesse here, some power there, but most of all, a lot of heart and effort."

The Andover Boys were sadly unable to clinch a playoff berth, and the team concluded their season unranked in the New England Prep Poll. Despite the lackluster end to their season, the Boys in Blue enjoyed a great winter, and the underclassmen on the team are looking forward to next year.

PA Hockey Drubs Winchendon; Boys Fall to Exies in Final Game

by Mac King
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	7
Winchendon	1
Exeter	3
Andover	1

This is what the Boys Hockey team had played for all season. Everything was on the line against Exeter: revenge for an overtime loss last season, a possible playoff berth, and most importantly, bragging rights.

The Andover-Exeter hockey game is arguably the most anticipated and prestigious sporting event of the winter term for many people. This year's game did not disappoint its faithful fans. In front of a roaring crowd, the Andover Boys Hockey team took the ice last Saturday to combat the Big Red.

While the Blue managed to play well for the first two periods, Exeter raised its level of intensity, matching Andover tit for tat. With just more than 14 minutes into the second period, an Exeter forward managed to slip a shot by goalie Cory Schneider '04 and give PEA the lead.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Paul Chiozzi '03 assists his teammate in Andover's heartbreaking loss to rival Exeter last Saturday.

The third period started off slowly, with each team fighting back and forth, and neither gaining the advantage. Then, with only seven minutes remaining in the game, the action exploded. Exeter scored the period' s first goal when the puck deflected off an Andover stick and into the back of the net. Despite the two-goal deficit, the Andover squad did not give up. Joe Adams '03 scored on a pass from Nick Mazzolini '03 to get Andover back in the game. The boys on the bench erupted with Adam's tally, as the team figured they still had a shot at winning the game.

The last two minutes of the game ended with a frantic scramble. Andover began a powerful offensive siege on the Exeter net minder. With about 1:30 left, in a desperate attempt to score, the Boys in Blue pulled Schneider and put in another skater, aiming to get more opportunities on net. Despite the extra man advantage, Andover was not able to score.

Continued on Page 10, Column 1

Andover Boys Hockey Celebrates First Winning Season Since '99

by Mac King
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

J. Wardrop *The Phillipian*

Postgraduate Pete Smith '03 looks to pass the puck up the ice past a Loomis defender.

2003 was the year for the Buys Hockey team, as it made its amazing revival to regain its status as a solid unit. The Andover Boys Hockey team finished up its 2003 season with a winning mark of 16-7-3, its first winning record since the 1999 season.

This year's lineup consisted of five returning Seniors, five returning Uppers, one returning Lower, and a slew of new talent. Three postgraduates, Garret Vaslet '03, Peter Smith '03, and Joe Adams '03, and new Senior Nick Mazzolini '03 helped to lead the team with their experience. New talent also came by way of the finest crop of young freshman talent the team has seen in long time. With the Blue playing in front of the best goalie in New England, Cory Schneider '04, it was well equipped for a very successful season.

Coach Guden remarked, "As our record demonstrates, I would say that the team had a successful season. Despite our relative inexperience, the players competed at a high level all year long against some of the toughest competition in New England. We hope to use this season as a stepping stone for future success."

The season started off on a positive note, with the team going undefeated after 10 games with only one tie, coming from the number one-ranked Deerfield team. In the first half of its season, the Blue defeated Worcester, Tilton, St. Marks, Pingree, St. Pauls, Milton, Nobles, Bridgton, and rival Exeter.

However the team was not to remain undefeated forever. The first loss of the season came in mid-January against hockey powerhouse St. Sebastian's. The Andover Boys lost in a heartbreaking overtime game.

From the moment the puck was dropped at the face off it was apparent that Andover and St. Seb's were evenly matched. Neither team was able to get a puck between the pipes in the first period. Finally, towards the end of the second period, on a pass from Adams, Smith one timed the puck through the legs of the St. Sebastian's keeper to score the first goal of the game and end the second period 1-0.

St. Sebastian's made a comeback and skated through the Phillips Academy defense to rack up two goals, giving them the lead. Mazzolini scored again to tie the game, sending the game into sudden death over time. Schneider, after playing a remarkable game and saving 27 shots, finally let one get by him, and St. Sebastian's took home the victory.

As the season continued, the team celebrated blowouts against Loomis, KUA, and Winchendon. However, the team also dropped decisions to Nobles and Cushing.

The last game of the season was played at Exeter. Andover needed to beat Exeter, which they had done with ease (5-1) earlier in the season, in order to qualify for the playoffs. The first period of the game was a scoreless stalemate. Exeter finally managed to score 14:11 into the second period, striking again in the third period. Mazzolini was able to score off a pass from Adams to put Andover on the scoreboard. Despite a furious offensive barrage, Andover was not able to score again, and Exeter sealed the deal with a third and final goal.

Despite the few losses, everyone was happy with the improved record. Paul Chiozzi '03 observed, "This year's team worked well together from the beginning, both on and off the ice. Each individual's hard work, the leadership of Ward and the other Seniors, and the coaches' devotion to this team all factored into an amazing season. It was a pleasure to be around this group of guys."

Dean Boylan '03 agreed, "We had an amazing year, no one expected us to do what we did. We were undefeated coming out of the Flood-Marr tournament. Had you told people that at the start of the year, I don't think many would have believed it. We really came together as a team, and I am proud to say that I was a part of it. I couldn't think of a better team to end my hockey career with."

Captain Ward '03 summed up the season, saying, "This year has been an incredibly successful season. We battled hard and turned the program around. Overall, this has been a journey we won't forget. It's been a season to 'Ooo' and 'Ah' at. A little finesse here, some power there, but most of all, a lot of heart and effort."

SPORT: Girls Hockey

YEAR: 2002 - 2003

CAPTAIN: **Taryn Zucker**

MANAGER: **Alexis Brandt '03,**
Kaitlin Alsofrom '05,
Sims Witherspoon '05

COACH: **Martha Fenton**
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Caroline Odden
Marten Wennik
Chad Green

SEASON RECORD

WON___16___LOST____7____TIED_____

Letter Winners

Seno, Lauren
Shipe, O'Hara
Lannan, Kelly
Tetreau, Melissa
Leonard, Kate
Warren, Alexandra
Moramarco, Lindsay
Zucker, Taryn
Hudson, Marissa
Wadland, Julie
Orzell, Susannah
Baker, Lindsay
McKenna, Britney
Crocker, Nicole
Deguire, Audrey
Montecalvo, Megan
Minahan, Kathleen
Vanecek, Jennifer

Girls Hockey

			PA	OPP
Wed. 11/20/2002	(H)	TOP GUN (scrimmage)	3	0
Wed. 12/4/2002	(A)	B. B. & N.	4	0
Sat. 12/7/2002	(A)	ST. MARK'S	2	3
Mon. 12/16/2002	(H)	ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL	4:30	
Tues. 12/17/2002	(H)	Maine Girls Select Bantam AAA	13	0
Wed. 12/18/2002	(A)	St. Paul's @ TAFT	9	0
Thurs. 12/19/2002	(A)	Loomis @ TAFT	3	2
Fri. 12/20/2002	(A)	Tabor @ TAFT	0	1
Wed. 1/8/2003	(H)	NEW HAMPTON	4	1
Sat. 1/11/2003	(A)	ST. PAUL'S	8	0
Wed. 1/15/2003	(A)	LAWRENCE ACADEMY	0	1 (OT)
Fri. 1/17/2003	(A)	GROTON	5	0
Sat. 1/18/2003	(H)	BROOKS	2	0
Wed. 1/22/2003	(H)	CUSHING	1	6
Sat. 1/25/2003	(A)	DEERFIELD	2	3
Wed. 1/29/2003	(H)	EXETER	2	1
Sat. 2/1/2003	(H)	K.U.A.	8	0
Wed. 2/5/2003	(A)	TABOR	3	2
Sat. 2/8/2003	(A)	N.M.H.	13	0
Wed. 2/12/2003	(H)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	2	1
Fri. 2/14/2003	(A)	MILTON	3	1
Wed. 2/19/2003	(H)	HOLDERNESS	2	3
Sat. 2/22/2003	(A)	EXETER	7	1
Wed. 2/26/2003	(A)	Tournament vs Berkshire @ Loomis	2	3

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
GIRLS VARSITY HOCKEY
2002-2003

#	Name	Year	Hometown
2	Seno, Lauren	2005	Mequon, WI
5	Shipe, O'Hara	2004	Anchorage, AK
6	Lannan, Kelly	2003	Winchester, MA
7	Tetreau, Melissa	2006	Methuen, MA
8	Leonard, Kate	2003	Eliot, ME
9	Warren, Alexandra	2003	Princeton, NJ
10	Moramarco, Lindsay	2006	Andover, MA
11	Zucker, Taryn	2003	Gilford, NH
12	Hudson, Marissa	2004	Gloucester, MA
13	Wadland, Julie	2006	Andover, MA
14	Orzell, Susannah	2003	Lincoln, MA
15	Baker, Lindsay	2005	Chicago, IL
16	McKenna, Britney	2005	Rye, NH
17	Crocker, Nicole	2005	Dover, MA
22	Deguire, Audrey	2004	Milford, MA
23	Montecalvo, Megan	2006	Ipswich, MA
33	Minahan, Kathleen	2003	Andover, MA
45	Vanecek, Jennifer	2004	Northfield, VT

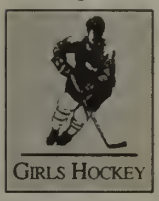
HEAD COACH: MARTHA FENTON
ASSISTANT COACHES: CAROLINE ODDEN, MARTEN WENNIK, CHAD GREEN
MANAGERS: ALEXIS BRANDT '03, KAITLIN ALSOFROM '05, SIMS WITHERSPOON '05

2/26/03 Despite Tournament Loss, Girls Hockey Completes Outstanding Season
All good things come to an end, and this season was certainly a very good thing! The girls' varsity hockey team finished its 2002-2003 run with a 17-7 record, the winningest in girls' hockey history at Andover. The team's trip to the NEPSAC tournament was the first in a decade and only PA's second since the tournament's inception in 1988. In what turned out to be their final game of this impressive season, the Big Blue faced the second-seeded Berkshire Bears at Loomis Chaffee on Wednesday, February 26. The Blue came off the bus relaxed and ready to play, and they put great pressure on the Berkshire goaltender for the first five minutes of the game. Berkshire hit their stride, however, and the game was back and forth from then on. This was one of the most physical teams Andover faced all year, but the girls were prepared and adapted quickly. At 8:14 in the first the Bears found the back of the Andover net, and the teams went into the locker rooms with Berkshire up 1-0 after one period. The second period was dominated by Berkshire as they out-shot the Blue 7-2 in that span. When the Bears were assessed a major penalty with just over two minutes to play in the period, however, the Blue capitalized on a gorgeous shot by Kate Leonard from the left point that found the upper corner of the net. With the score tied at 1-1 and 1:30 left on the major, the Andover girls knew that they were in the hunt. The third period saw great chances at both ends, but it was Berkshire that was able to convert twice, forging a 3-1 lead. With two minutes left Andover pulled goalie O'Hara Shipe and finally converted on their second goal with 1.9 seconds to play in the game. Despite the loss, the Big Blue should be extremely proud of their record-breaking season. It marks the beginning of a new era of Andover Girls' Hockey. Led by captain Taryn Zucker, the senior class provided tremendous leadership all season long. Kathleen Minahan, Susannah Orzell, Kate Leonard, Kelly Lannan, and Alix Warren were wonderful role models and will be sorely missed next year. Good luck to them in their future hockey endeavors. GO BLUE!

Girls Hockey Improves to 5-2; Finish Second at Taft Tourney

by Kathleen Minahan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**4**
New Hampton	**1**


GIRLS HOCKEY

When everyone else was relaxing over break, the Girls' Hockey team was hard at work, practicing and competing in the annual Taft tournament.

Before the tournament, the ladies in Blue competed in a series of scrimmages against the AHS Warriors and the Maine Selects, shutting out both teams.

With two handy victories under their belts, the girls headed south for Taft's Patsy K. Odden Invitational Tournament. In their first game, Andover played against St. Paul's School, and again the girls managed a shutout, this time 9-0.

That evening, the girl's met Loomis to vie for a place in the championship game. Andover drew first blood as PG Kate Leonard '03 touched the puck past the Loomis goalie after a mere three minutes of play. Loomis quickly answered back, scoring with two minutes left in the period to tie things up. Andover's rookie forward Julie Wadland '06 scored the only goal in the second after the Loomis goalie coughed up a huge rebound on a shot. Things were looking good for the Big Blue, until a Loomis player skillfully slammed the puck past Andover goaltender, O'Hara Shipe '04. The unexpected goal in the late in the third evened out the score.

A shoot-out was called after a frustrated and scoreless five minutes of overtime. Loomis' first four shooters were shut down by Shipe and Loomis' goalie stopped the Big Blue's first three. PA's fabulous freshman defender Melissa Tetreau took the fourth shot for the Blue, scoring and earning Andover a place in the championship game.

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Players on the Girls' Hockey team celebrate after a goal is scored.

Having lost no games over break, Andover confidently entered into the tournament's championship game. Andover squared off against one of New England's best teams, the Tabor Academy Seawolves. After five minutes of play, a Tabor forward grabbed the puck out of the air and went into Andover's defensive end on a breakaway. Despite a valiant effort on the part of Shipe, the puck found the back of the net, putting Tabor up 1-0. Andover fought hard over the next two and a half periods, but was not able to capitalize on any of the opportunities presented to them. The game concluded with a final score of 1-0 in favor of the Tabor Seawolves. This was the Big Blue's first championship game at the prestigious Taft tournament in over a decade.

After a restful Christmas break, the girls returned to 01810 to face New Hampton on home turf. After eight minutes of play, postgraduate sensation Kelly Lannan '03 found the back of the net, putting in a pass from fellow PG Leonard. New Hampton capitalized on a power play late in the period to tie the score at 1-1. Wadland scored the game-winning goal after five minutes of play in the second, with the assists going to Taryn Zucker and Susannah Orzell '03. Leonard scored with five minutes left in the second, giving the team some room to breathe, and Lannan sealed the Big Blue's victory with a goal late in the third period.

The Blue's record currently stands at 5-2, and they have also tallied wins in both of their scrimmages. The Ladies in Blue have shown that they can play with the best of them and that they will not back down from a challenge. If they continue playing as they have been, the season should prove to be among the most successful in recent memory.

Picture of the Week

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

The Andover Girls Hockey team "all falls down" during a game played over the holiday vacation.

McKenna, Lannan, Leonard All Score Goals As Girls Skate Past Groton and Deerfield

Continued from Page B1, Column 3

McKenna has sparked the offense all season, scoring goals and making big plays.

With six minutes left to play, Susannah Orzell '03 found the net after a few nice assists from Marissa Hudson '04 and Julie Wadland '06.The Blue dominated Groton during the third period, but their goalie played a strong period, keeping Andover to just one goal. Although there were some fantastic chances throughout the period, the Blue was again exasperated by their inability to finish. With less than ten seconds to play in the game, Leonard scored the Blue's final goal of the game, with McKenna and Alix Warren '03 credited with assists on the play.

On Saturday, the Blue played an interdivisional game against one of division two's strongest teams, Brooks.

Though the rival school from North Andover entered the game highly touted, the Girls proved themselves superior. The Blue emerged with yet another W, but not by nearly as large a margin as the one they had attained on the previous evening.

The first period saw all of the game's scoring action as the Blue scored two goals in the middle of the period. Lindsay Moramarco '06 scored the game winner after about seven minutes of play, finishing fellow line mate Orzell's shot.

Moments later, Leonard scored, putting the score at 2-0 in favor of the Blue. Captain Taryn Zucker'03 put a hard shot on net but the Brooks goalie came up with the save. Fortunately she coughed up a big rebound and Leonard capitalized on it, tipping the puck into the net.The second and third periods saw good action at both ends of the ice, but no more scoring.

While there were a few hairy moments in front of Andover's net, the Blue's defense played a strong game overall. Andover's offense also had some terrific chances, but had trouble scoring. Some borderline calls made by the referees frustrated the Blue to no end.

Not only did they call innumerable questionable penalties against Andover, but the refs also turned a blind eye to some vicious play on the part of Brooks. As the Blue has done throughout the season, they persevered and pulled out their seventh win of the year.

Coach Martha Fenton commented on the team's achievements over the weekend saying, "The balanced scoring and solid defensive play point to a real team effort. Our goaltenders, O'Hara Shipe '04 and Kathleen Minahan '03, were very strong in net, recording two shutouts." While Coach Fenton was clearly enthusiastic about her team's play, she was quick to point out that the toughest part of the season is rapidly approaching, observing, "With Cushing and Deerfield on the schedule this week, we're going to need to keep working hard, but I'm pleased with the strides that we've made as a team so far this season."

On Wednesday, the Blue played the Purple Penguins from Cushing Academy. The first period saw action at both ends, but neither team managed to find the net.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Britney McKenna '05 fires a shot on net against Groton.

The Blue came out hard, but had trouble penetrating Cushing's defense and was unable to capitalize on any of their opportunities.

While the Blue took the ice with enthusiasm for the second period, the Penguins came out with more fire. After three minutes, a Cushing forward went back door on Andover goalie Shipe and started the scoring.

They scored three more unanswered goals during the course of the period, taking a decisive lead over the Blue.

After talking between periods, the girls came out for the third period with even more fire. Nonetheless, the Penguins had themselves a goal after just two minutes of play.

The Blue answered back with their first, and only goal, less than a minute latter as Moramarco put the puck away after a nice play by Orzell and Wadland.

The Penguins scored one more goal late in the period to wrap up the scoring at 6-1.

While Wednesday's game was certainly disappointing, the Blue is looking forward instead of dwelling on the past.

As Leonard said, "Even though the game ended in a loss, we played hard and the intensity in the third period shows the heart that this team has."

The Big Green of Deerfield head to Harrison Hockey Rink tomorrow, and Andover hopes to welcome them with an offensive explosion. The sticks were silenced against Cushing, but the team knows they cannot leave everything up to the goalies.

After Deerfield, Exeter looms on the horizon. With another home game next Wednesday, the girls know that they have their work cut out for them. Nevertheless, the girls are determined to work hard and get back on their game.

They will have to overcome their problems finishing if they want to be successful against the strong teams that they will face soon, but they are more than up to the task.

Athlete Of The Week

Kate Leonard '03

"[She] always seems to know exactly where to go, where to place the puck, and most importantly exactly how to score."

—Teammate Kelly Lannan '03

by Wes Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Hockey is one of the toughest sports there is. Originally engineered to be played outside on frozen lakes and ponds in the dead of winter, the game has evolved into one of the most physically taxing sports. This week's Athlete of the Week has demonstrated great ability in that challenging sport. Her strong personality and ability to persevere have been staples for PA's Girls' Hockey team this season.

Kate Leonard started playing hockey at the age of eight. She played on a co-ed team in her hometown of Dover, New Hampshire until she was thirteen when she switched over to an all-girls team, the New Hampshire Selects. She played for them for five seasons before coming to PA. As of now she not only plays for PA, but also the Syracuse Stars, based out of New York.

Kate came this year as a PG and did not have a specific Fall sport in mind. Field hockey coaches Kate Dolan and Martha Fenton took her under their wings and decided to teach her how to serve as the goalie for the Varsity team. She served well; Coach Fenton recalled that, "she ended up starting in net for us despite never having played before. She only gave up three goals all season and was selected to the Boston Globe Prep-Private All Star team for her efforts."

Kate's repeated outstanding performances in practices have come to become her trademark. "Kate's one of the hardest workers on the team. When the practices start to become unbearable she's always there for us, stepping it up on the sprints and doing her best to give it all that she's got," said Nikki Crocker '05. This hard work in practice became evident in her game performances. Coach Fenton, said of Kate, "Kate is one of the hardest working athletes I have ever coached. She is a terrific playmaker and has great speed both on and off the ice, and she has an uncanny goal-scoring sense." This natural ability to excel in the game was also cited by Kelly Lannan '03, "[she] always seems to know exactly where to go, where to place the puck, and most importantly exactly how to score."

As one of the few upperclassmen on the team, Kate has developed her own style of leadership, one which is based on the concept of leading by example. Lauren Seno '05 said of her, "Kate is more of a silent leader. She doesn't say much but her constant determination always pulls the team through, whether in games or during practices. She leads by example. In games she always gives one hundred percent and is a key component of our team. With a team comprised mostly of younger players, she is among the few upper classmen that keep us focused when a game is on the line."

Another part of her leadership is her ability to deal with the physicality of the sport. Seno went on to say, "Kate keeps in control the whole game, because of her small stature, she gets knocked down and beat on a lot during games but she never retaliates. She doesn't let her emotions get the best of her."

Kate's most valuable hockey training was when she received one-on-one lessons from the Canadian hockey coaching legend, Louis Chabot. Chabot has served as head coach of professional teams Europe, where he coached teams to five national titles. "I took the lesson in a small, un-refrigerated private rink. There you really feel like a hockey player."

Kate's strongest hockey memories are those of "small-time" hockey. "My fondest hockey memory would have to be playing pick up hockey on the pond behind my house with my brother and father." This involvement of her family in Kate's hockey runs very deep. "My parents are definitely my biggest fans, they are rarely known to miss one of my games."

With a universally strong team and this dynamite powerhouse on their team, hopes are high for the Big Blue this season. When asked about the team Kate responded, "The kids on the team are a great group and are supportive of each other. I think that if we keep up the hard work we have the potential to do some incredible things this season."

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

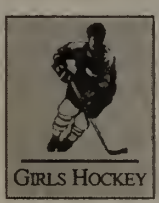
Taryn Zucker '03 stretches for the puck against Cushing Academy last Wednesday.

Girls Hockey Plays Tough; Goalies Star Between Pipes

by Kathleen Minahan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	5
Groton	0
Andover	3
Brooks	0
Cushing	0
Andover	3

The Girls' Varsity Hockey team is a force to be reckoned with. As the season moves forward, the Big Blue has shown that they have the talent to play against anyone out there, an important lesson, as some of the hardest games of the season are yet to come.



After a heart-breaking overtime loss to Lawrence Academy last week, the Big Blue pulled together and produced two strong victories over the weekend.

Wednesday, however, did not hold the same fate for the girls. With a 2-1 record on the week, it was a success, but the girls are striving for more.

On Friday night, the girls played the first of their two weekend games against Groton Academy. During the first period, the Blue took thirteen shots on net, and did not allow Groton any. The team dominated on both ends, skating with passion. The girls chased down loose pucks, got tough rebounds and made the little plays that help a hockey team win games. The team has been doing it all season, and it clearly shows in their stellar record.

Still, the girls seemed to have problems finding the back of the net. With a little under five minutes to play left in the period, Kelly Lannan '03 put away the rebound off of PG Kate Leonard's shot.

The Blue came out for the second period with a bang. They out shot Groton 9-4, and scored three more goals. The entire team played well and Groton did not seem to know what had hit them.

The first of the Blue's goals came when defenseman Melissa Tetreau '06 wound up and took a hard shot on net. Groton's goalie came up with the save, but new lower Lauren Seno '05 was there for the rebound, putting Andover up by two.

Just minutes later, Leonard and Audrey Deguire '04 set up forward sensation Britney McKenna '05 for the team's second goal of the period.

Continued on Page B6, Column 1

Girls Hockey Beats NMH; Skaters Edge Nobles, 2-1

by Kathleen Minahan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	13
NMH	0
Andover	2
Nobles	1

This was quite a week for the Girls Hockey team, as they demolished NMH by a margin of 13-0. The girls followed this victory with a close win against Nobles on Wednesday.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

During the first period, the Big Blue peppered Northfield's goalie with twenty shots, while only allowing the Hoggers three. Four minutes into the period, PG Kelly Lannan'03 scored the Blue's first goal of the game. Later in the period, Alix Warren'03 and Susannah Orzell '03 notched goals of their own, giving the Blue a 3-0 lead over NMH.

The second period saw three more goals for the Blue. Kate Leonard '03 opened the scoring early in the period. Several minutes latter, Lannan scored her second goal of the game, followed shortly thereafter by a goal from Lower sensation Britney McKenna '05.

The Blue took complete control of the game in the final period, scoring seven goals and out shooting NMH 26-0. Within six seconds of each other, Leonard and Lannan scored short-handed goals, the first of their kind for the Big Blue this season, with Lannan's completing her hat trick. McKenna scored another goal, followed by two from Lauren Seno '05. Marissa Hudson '04 snuck a goal of her own in between Seno's pair. With forty-five seconds left to play in the game, Lindsay Moramarco'06 scored the Blue's final goal of the game.

Saturday's 13-0 beating of NMH at the hands of the girl's varsity hockey team was definitely a team effort, with eight different members of the team scored for the Blue and eleven notching assists.

This past Wednesday, the Blue squared off against the number three ranked Nobles, on their home ice. Going into the game, the Blue was confident in their ability to take it the Bulldogs, but knew that they would have to fight hard to come up with a win. They also knew that beating Nobles would greatly increase their chances of obtaining a play-off berth, something the Blue has failed to earn in recent history.

The Blue came out for the first period with a burst of energy. While Nobles managed to out shoot Andover 13-6, the Big Blue had some phenomenal chances. It was clear that the Blue wanted this game and was willing to go as hard as they could to capture it. The score at the end of the first was tied at 0-0, and the Blue was looking for blood.

Nobles was quick to score in the beginning of the second period. Instead of hanging their heads, the Blue scored less than twenty seconds latter. Melissa Tetreau '06 fired one of her trademark shots on net, but the Nobles goalie was there for the save. McKenna picked up the rebound and passed it to Leonard who put the puck in the net.

Going into the third period, it was clear that the game would come down to who wanted it more. Less than two minutes into the period, the Blue showed just how badly they wanted it when Moramarco found the net yet again.

Both teams played strong until the end of the game, but the Blue's defense was too much for Nobles to handle and in the end the Blue came out on top. In what was probably one of the biggest games of the season thus far, the Big Blue demonstrated incredible heart.

Lady Skaters Falter Versus Holderness in Home Loss

Continued from Page 12, Column 3

Milton tuned up the heat for the third period, but the Blue managed to extinguish the fire. Goalie O'Hara Shipe '04 played a strong game, making several key saves. Shipe has served as the backbone for the Blue's defense all season long and her strength in net certainly helped the Blue to beat Milton.

Wednesday's game against Holderness was a whole different story for the Blue. They seemed to be missing that special something, and they were unable to find it until the third period. Unfortunately, they found too little, too late.

PG Alix Warren '03 was set up by Nikki Crocker '05 to open the scoring early in the first period. Five minutes later, Holderness answered back to even the score. At the end of the period, another Holderness forward found the net to take a 2-1 lead over the Blue.

It wasn't until late in the third period that the Blue was able to even up the score again. McKenna, set up by fellow line mates Kate Leonard '03 and Lannan, found the net with a little under four minutes of play remaining. With thirteen seconds left in regulation time, a Holderness forward capitalized on a power play and scored the game winning goal. The Andover squad pulled their goalie in a last ditch effort to tie things up, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

The Big Blue plays their last regular season game at 3:00 on Saturday against their archrivals, the Exeter Griffins. Going into Wednesday's game, the Blue was ranked sixth in New England, but their disappointing loss will surely set them back in the standings.

Whether or not the PA team manages to make the playoffs is still left to be seen, but one thing is for sure: their Saturday game against Exeter will be fierce and intense.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Defensive Sensation Kate Leonard '03 pushes the puck up ice, clearing the blue line.

Girls Hockey Drubs Milton As Lannan Powers Offense

by Kathleen Minahan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	3
Milton	1
Holderness	3
Andover	2

Sometimes, home sweet home does not hold water. After an exciting victory over Milton Academy last Friday, the Blue took their home ice for the last time this season and came away with their first loss in seven games.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

In the first period, both Milton and Andover capitalized on their scoring opportunities resulting in a score of 1-1 at the conclusion of the period. Milton drew blood first by scoring early in the period, while the Big Blue was on penalty kill. The Lady Blue, however, is not known for backing down, however, and they answered back with a goal of their own several minutes later. Audrey Deguire '04, assisted by Susannah Orzell '03, found the net to tie up the game ten minutes into the period.

The second period was all about the Blue, as they out shot Milton 12-6. PG sensation Kelly Lannan '03, assisted by Britney McKenna '05, scored the go-ahead goal after three minutes of play. Late in the period, Megan Montecalvo '06 set up Lauren Seno '05 for the Blue's third and final goal of the game.

Continued on Page 11, Column 3

I. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Susannah Orzell '03 skates up ice, looking to pass the puck, in one of Andover's many scoring chances last Saturday.

Berkshire Too Strong For PA Hockey in First Round

Continued from Page 12, Column 6

goalie. Fortunately, Melissa Tetrault '06 was there to pick up the rebound and push the puck by the PEA goalie, making the score 4-1 to end the second period.

Leonard, who tallied two assists in the first two periods, finally scored one of her own in the third period. Defenders Jenn Vanecek '04 and Montecalvo assisted her goal. With a little under ten minutes left to play in the period, Crocker and Seno set up their line-mate Hudson for the team's sixth goal of the game. Two minutes later, McKenna scored the Blue's final goal, leaving the final score standing at 7-1.

Saturday's win against Exeter contributed to Andover's playoff berth, an honor the Blue has not earned in recent history. On Wednesday, PA traveled to Loomis Chaffee to play the Berkshire School.

The Lady Blue Hockey team's heart-breaking 3-2 loss to Berkshire, the second best team in New England, concluded what was arguably the most successful season in recent Andover history.

The first period saw quality action at both ends of the net, but only Berkshire managed to capitalize. With fewer than five minutes left to play, a Berkshire forward grabbed the puck at the top of the circles and slapped a sizzler past Andover goalie O'Hara Shipe '04. Towards the end of the period, Leonard picked up a loose puck in the Blue's offensive end and fired a beautiful shot on net to tie the game. Although Berkshire managed to score two quick goals toward the middle of the third period, the Lady Blue still fought hard until the end of the game.

With 1.9 seconds on the clock, PG standout Alex Warren '03 made a sharp pass to McKenna, who slapped it into the back of the net. Unfortunately, not enough time remained on the arena clock for the Blue to stage the comeback they had been hoping for. Their 3-2 loss, however, is certainly nothing to be ashamed of.

This year's team deserves a lot of credit for all that they have accomplished. Three-year varsity member Hudson commented on the season, saying, "This season, we made it further than many thought possible. With the new talent that we received, our team gained confidence and respect, which causes many of us to be excited for what the future holds in store."

GIRL SKATERS DESTROY RIVAL PEA IN VICTORY

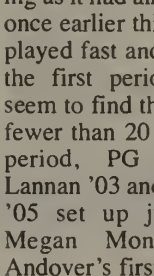
SHIPE '04 SOUND IN GOAL

Montecalvo Scores First of Seven Team Goals

by Kathleen Minahan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	7
Exeter	1
Berkshire	3
Andover	2

The Andover Girls Hockey team had an opportunity to feast on its favorite meal last Saturday, with a date with Exeter. The girls enjoyed their favorite meal, raw red meat, to the tune of a 7-1 steamrolling victory. Going into the game, the Lady Blue were confident in their ability to take on the Exeter team, seeing as it had already beaten Exeter once earlier this season. The Blue played fast and furious hockey in the first period, but could not seem to find the net. Finally, with fewer than 20 seconds left in the period, PG sensation Kelly Lannan '03 and Britney McKenna '05 set up junior defenseman Megan Montecalvo '06 for Andover's first goal of the game.



The girls turned it up a notch in the second period, during which they scored three goals. Lannan started the scoring early in the period when she put away a nice pass from Kate Leonard '03 to give Andover a 2-1 lead.

Exeter answered back with a goal of their own ten seconds later, showing the Lady Blue that they were not one to give up easily. Andover's Lauren Seno '05 immediately squashed any hopes the Big Red might have had. After Nikki Crocker '05 and Marissa Hudson '04 gained possession of the puck, they passed it off to Seno who fired a shot between the pipes to give the Blue a two-goal lead over their opponents.

Soon after Seno's power play, Leonard took a shot on net, only to have it blocked by the Exeter

Continued on Page 11, Column 1

Girls Hockey Boasts Winningest Winter in Recent Andover History

by Kathleen Minahan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Julie Wadland '06 reaches for the puck, scrambling to get possession before her KUA opponent can.

The 2002-2003 winter season was nothing short of groundbreaking for the Girls Hockey team. After years of disappointing play, PA finally found its footing on the slippery ice of Harrison Hockey Rink this season and played their most successful hockey ever.

Things started out looking good for the Blue. After winning an early scrimmage and their first game, the girls lost a disappointing game to St. Mark's. While a loss so early in the season might have been a downer for any other team, it only pushed the girls to work harder. They went on to win their next four games leading up to the championship game at Taft's Patsy Odden Invitational Tournament. Although they played a solid game, a fluke play gave Tabor a 1-0 advantage and the Blue was unable to come back.

Upon returning from winter break, the Lady Blue continued its winning ways. The team beat New Hampton and a weak SPS team. Following a 1-0 overtime loss to Lawrence Academy. PA picked it up for its next several games, beating Groton and Brooks.

The middle stretch of the season has traditionally been the most challenging for the Blue. They played five strong teams, Cushing, Deerfield, Tabor, Nobles, and Milton within a span of three weeks. After a tough loss to Cushing, PA played a strong game against Deerfield, losing on a goal late in the third period. That loss was enough to spur PA to a six-game winning streak.

The highlights of this streak were many. The Big Blue revenged its early season loss to Tabor, beating the Seawolves 3-2 on the TA's home ice.

Nobles has been a perennial power in girls hockey, one that had been previously untouchable for the Blue. PA beat Nobles in an edge-of-your-seat game in mid-February. Its 2-1 victory marked the first time Andover has ever beaten Nobles and was an important step towards establishing the Blue as a power in NE hockey. The girls' subsequent 3-1 win over Milton further cemented the girls' position as one of the top programs in the region.

Unfortunately, the girls lost their last home game of the season to Holderness in a 3-2 heartbreaker. The magic that had been there all season long for the Blue seemed to be missing that evening.

After a close victory over Exeter early in the season, the Blue went into the game confident that if it played well it would beat the Exies for second time. The girls' confidence showed as they downed Exeter in a 7-1 decision.

For the first time in 10 years, the Blue's season did not end after Andover-Exeter Day. The girls made their second appearance in the New England tournament, starting the tourney as the seventh seed. The Blue squared off against Berkshire, a strong team it had never faced before. They lost 3-2 in a game that could have gone either way to the girls from Berkshire. While losing to Berkshire was a painful moment for many, the Blue took heart in the knowledge that they had played well against Berkshire, who would become the eventual NE Champions.

While it had several strong players, the key to the Blue's success was its teamwork. As Coach Martha Fenton '83 put it, "I firmly believe that the reason why we went so far this year is because everyone bought into the team effort...there were no superstars, only 18 athletes working very hard towards a common goal. It came out in the way we played every day." Its 17-7 season was the most successful in recent PA history.

The Blue is looking forward to another strong year. This year's Captain, Taryn Zucker '03, commented on next year's potential, saying, "We had an amazingly successful season and with at least a dozen talented returning players and some promising newcomers, the squad is looking strong for next year!" The Blue's starting goalie, O'Hara Shipe '04, will serve as the captain for the 2003-2004 team.

SPORT: Nordic Skiing

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: Jacqueline Brown

MANAGER:

COACH: Keith Robinson

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON_____ LOST_____ TIED_____

The Nordic team does not keep a record of the scores

Letter Winners* information not available

Nordic Team Builds Up Confidence at Cardigan

by Scott Silverstein
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

If last Wednesday's classic race at the Cardigan Mountain School is any indication, Andover's Nordic Ski team is in for a great winter. Nine skiers, several of whom had never raced before, headed to the wilds of central New Hampshire to face off against some of the best Nordic teams in the Lakes Region. Andover emerged with mixed results, but a few incredible performances by previously unknown skiers have given the team a fresh spirit for races ahead.

The Cardigan course is rarely used for races, so none of the veterans on the team knew what to expect. A map viewed upon arrival revealed that the course featured rolling hills, with few flat stretches but no major challenges. Coach Keith Robinson '96 suggested that racers "work hard on the hills and maintain a comfortable but aggressive pace on the flatter sections," bearing in mind the techniques the team had used during their extensive hill work throughout the previous week's practice. The snow was softer than expected for the cold temperatures, coercing racers to improvise in their application of kick wax prior to the race. "The worst thing that you can do in a classic race is to use too hard a wax, because you lose your kick and render your lower body useless," admonished Coach Robinson, recommending that skiers err on the side of caution.

The boys had minimal time to warm up before their start, but began their races aggressively. Scott Silverstein '04 found himself alone for the first half of the 5.4K race, eventually finding his niche just behind another racer and hammering out his remaining energy in the final stretch to finish with a time of 27:50, placing 33rd. Travis Green '04, also using the strategy of keeping neck in neck with another skier, pulled through the finish a couple minutes later with an impressive elapsed time of 28:56, good enough for 36th place. "I am completely exhausted," he remarked after catching his breath, "but hey, that's the way it should be." An exuberant Cage Brewer '06, sporting a pair of black shorts over his blue Andover spandex, capped off the boys' race with a time of 35:42 – a solid time for his first race. Overall, the boys placed 7th, a standing they should easily be able to improve upon once they add more skiers to the regular racing squad.

The girls' race was even more remarkable, with three skiers placing in the top 30 and plenty of zeal for races to come. The stars of the day were Meg Sullivan '04 and Kendra Allenby '05, both racing for the first time. Sullivan dashed through the course in 30:48, finishing an incredible 19th. "I never thought the race would be so long!" she exclaimed upon finishing. She went on to report, "I felt great during the race. It was tougher than I had expected, but I kept a steady pace and hung in there."

April Warren '04, an experienced racer who has stepped up to become a leader of the girls' team, chased Sullivan throughout the race and finished just behind her with an elapsed time of 31:48, good enough for 22nd place. Allenby, making a phenomenal comeback from a late starting heat, arrived at the home stretch a minute behind Warren and captured 27th place. Captain Jackie Brown '03 turned in a sound, though disappointing time of 34:35. "I just didn't feel like I had much power today," she observed afterwards. "I kept an even pace, but it was slower than I would have liked."

The girls placed 5th in the competition, and most were satisfied with their performances. "The girls are doing a great job of sticking with each other and pushing one another in practices and races," commented Coach Robinson. Like the boys, they will look to continue improving on power and technique so that they are primed for races to come.

Courtesy of *Scott Silverstein*

Captain Jackie Brown '03 cuts through the snow.

Nordic Team Displays Immense Improvement in St. Paul's Race

by Scott Silverstein
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The weather was warm, the snow was packed, the wax was perfect, and the Andover Nordic Team was pumped. Such ideal conditions did not go to waste, as the team displayed one of their best recent performances in last Wednesday's classic race at St. Paul's. Though Andover racers have a long way to go before they can contend with powerhouses Holderness and KUA, they are improving more rapidly than racers from any other school, and last week's results have put both boys and girls within striking distance of NMH.

The previous week's race had been cancelled due to fierce winds and subzero temperatures, so the team was eager to line up against other schools again. St. Paul's is a favorite racing venue of the team's as the 5K course itself is essentially flat. Coach Keith Robinson '96 advised the team to "double-pole as much as possible, because along flat stretches it is a much faster technique than the usual diagonal stride." Assistant Coach John Rich supplemented this advice by directing racers to wax with a shorter kick zone than usual, since the kick wax would only be needed for a few slight uphill sections, and more glide would be desirable for the majority of the race.

The girls raced first, and emerged with surprising results. Meg Sullivan '04 was the first Andover girl to finish, placing 27th with a time of 25:38. "It was over much faster than I thought it would be," commented Sullivan afterwards, drawing on her only previous racing experience on a slower course. Kendra Allenby '05, also in her second race, finished right on Sullivan's tail with a time of 25:51. The most notable performances of the day were Gen Desaulniers '04 and Helen Fitzmaurice '05, who started in the same heat and pushed each other throughout the race to finish within four seconds of one another, both improving over 10 minutes on their previous race times.

Placing 6th overall, the Andover girls showed more development since the start of the season than any other team. "As long as I have been on this team, it has never improved so much in such little time," observed Captain Jackie Brown '03. "I am so impressed by the level of improvement and the results." The team's growth will prove advantageous as the season progresses.

The boys' race was equally impressive, with two Andover boys claiming spots in the middle of a massive cluster of skiers, placing them within sight of the top positions. Scott Silverstein '04 and Travis Green '04 both broke away from their starting heats immediately, settled to a comfortable but brisk pace after a powerful first kilometer, and pulled through the finish with times of 21:12 and 21:42, respectively.

Miles Canaday '05 and Cage Brewer '06, both with one race already under their belts, pounded it out to finish with respectable times in the 27-minute range. Not far behind were first-time racers Julian Jacobson '06 and Dan Gabel '06. Overall, the boys placed 8th, a position they will easily improve upon as novice skiers gain experience and give the team depth.

The Nordic team faces off against NMH tomorrow, in their first-ever home race. They plan to run two laps of the Sanctuary loop, a moderately hilly course that they have been practicing on as much as possible. With the top NMH racers easily within Andover's grasp, the race should certainly be exciting to watch.

Courtesy of Scott Silverstein

Julian Jacobson '06 double-poles his way through the St. Paul's course at last week's Nordic race.

Nordic Skis Past Competition; Sullivan '04 Brings Home 21st

by Scott Silverstein
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Andover Nordic team pulled off an impressive performance in last week's skate race at Holderness, the last of the regular season. The Blue racers pushed their personal limits, and the skate at Holderness was both the boys and girls best race of the season.

The course of the week, selected from Holderness' 20-kilometer trail network, was a single 5K loop with a little bit of every challenge. Despite the diversity of the terrain, the most difficult sections were concentrated in the first 3K.

In the boys' race, Miles Canaday '05 was the first Blue skier out of the starting gate, and after a slow first K, he maintained a solid composure for the remainder of the race.

Scott Silverstein '04 started about two minutes later. As Silverstein struggled to catch Canaday, Travis Green '04 managed to pull even with Silverstein from a starting time a minute further back. By 4K Green overtook both Canaday and Silverstein and dashed ahead, chasing a Putney skier to the finish.

The finish line was a sea of blue, as all four Andover harriers reached the end within a minute of one another. Green claimed 30th place with a blistering time of 17:41, and teammate Silverstein followed for a 38th place finish in 19:15. Newcomer Julian Jacobson '06, after his surprisingly stellar race, took 40th with a time of 19:32.

The female skiers also turned in impressive performances. Meg Sullivan '04 displayed a fantastic performance, keeping a quick St. Pauls' skier in sight throughout the race. She finished strong with a time of 21:37, grabbing 21st place. Captain Jackie Brown '03 and Kendra Allenby '05 finished 25th and 26th respectively, with their final times a mere ten seconds apart. Further back, Gen Desaulniers '04 started slow and steady, picking up the pace in the last 2K to finish in 26:31, good enough for 36th place.

The girls placed 4th overall. "I am so thrilled that our team placed so well," commented Captain Brown. The Andover Nordic team is better than it has ever been before and will hopefully be a fierce competitor at NEPSACs.

PA NORDIC SKIS COMMENDABLY IN 2003 SEASON

by Scott Silverstein
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The eclectic Andover Nordic team had a fantastic season, characterized by strong new skiers and vast improvement across the board. The handful of seasoned racers, led by enthusiastic Captain Jackie Brown '03, improved drastically in speed and technique, and a slew of new harriers joined them at races throughout the season. Despite a disappointing finish at NEPSACs, individual success stories made this season one of the best Andover Nordic has ever had.

With only one Senior on the racing squad and an influx of underclassmen joining the ranks, the team should remain a powerful force in the New England Nordic scene for the many years to come. Captain Brown may have been the most experienced racer in the crowd, but this was a year for novices. Meg Sullivan '04 and Kendra Allenby '05 stepped up almost immediately, finishing in the top-30 in their first race and proceeding to chase each other in every subsequent event. Overall, the girls placed sixth at Interschols with several very solid races; Proctor barely edged out Andover for fifth.

On the Boys team, Travis Green '04 and Scott Silverstein '04 worked hard for sub-20 minute 5K's and top-30 finishes, and they invariably emerged with superb results. New racers strived to catch Green and Silverstein, and many came close. Miles Canaday '05 constantly worked to close the gap between himself and the more experienced racers. Julian Jacobson '06 and Cage Brewer '06 completed the roster. The team placed a disappointing 10th at Interschols, but the degree of improvement displayed by each skier made the 2003 winter season an overall success.

"I am so impressed with the amount of improvement shown by our new skiers," remarked Captain Brown in mid-January. Evidently, this trend held for the entire season, as the few returning skiers on the team looked to the many novices to support them throughout the winter. The snow may be gone now, and winter dreams replaced by summer fantasies, but already PA Nordic looks forward to another season of fast times in the snow.

SPORT: Boys Squash

YEAR: 2002 - 2003

CAPTAIN: **Will Simonton**
William Walter

MANAGER:

COACH: **Tom Cone**

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD
5th at interschols

WON 11 **LOST** 1 **TIED** _____

Letter Winners

Elliot Beck,
Henry Goldstein
Kirk Lepke
David Morse
Joseph Musumeci
Jason Park
William Simonton
Daniel Wagman
William Walter
Jeffrey Wessler

Boys Squash

				PA	OPP
Mon. 11/18/2002	(A)	HARVARD	(scrimmage)	11	0
Wed. 12/4/2002	(H)	BELMONT HILL		3:00	
Sat. 12/7/2002	(A)	TABOR		3:45	
Wed. 1/8/2003	(H)	DEERFIELD		6	1
Fri. 1/10/2003	(H)	BROOKS		postponed	
Wed. 1/22/2003	(H)	ST. PAUL'S		7	0
Sat. 1/25/2003	(A)	B. H. / CHOATE/ WESTMNTR			
		vs C		6	1
		vs W		6	1
Wed. 1/29/2003	(H)	EXETER		7	0
Fri. 1/31/2003	(A)	MIDDLESEX		7	0
Wed. 2/5/2003	(A)	BELMONT HILL		3	4
Sat. 2/8/2003	(H)	MILTON		5	2
Wed. 2/12/2003	(H)	St George's		4	3
Fri. 2/14/2003	(A)	GROTON		5	2
Wed. 2/19/2003	(A)	EXETER		5	2
Fri. 2/21/2003	(A)	INTERSCHOLAS		5th place	
Sat. 2/22/2003	(A)	INTERSCHOLS			

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts
Squash– Varsity
2002-2003

Girls
Coach Tom Hodgson

Julie Bramowitz	2003	Pittsburgh, PA
Diane Grace	2005	Locust Valley, Ny
Charlotte MacMillan	2005	Andover, MA
Emily O'Brien	2003	New Canaan, CT
Pamela Risseeuw	2003	Andover, MA
Cara Ruccolo	2005	Lynnfield, MA
Phoebe Rockwell	2003	Winchester, VA
Skylar Washburn	2005	Andover, MA

Boys
Coach Tom Cone

Elliot Beck,	2005	Concord, MA
Henry Goldstein	2005	Chicago, IL
Kirk Lepke	2004	North Andover, MA
David Morse	2004	Sea Bright, NJ
Joseph Musumeci	2003	North Andover, MA
Jason Park	2005	Seoul, Korea
William Simonton	2003	Wilmington, DE
Daniel Wagman	2006	Beverly Hills, CA
William Walter	2003	Andover, MA
Jeffrey Wessler	2003	Andover, MA

11/18/02 Big Blue Squash In Top Early Season Form

In a strong first outing, the boys' varsity squash team downed the Harvard JV team 11-0 on the Crimson's home courts. Led by co-captains Will Simonton and Will Walter at the top of the ladder, the Blue looked sharp and are eager to begin the regular season in earnest when they host Belmont Hill at the newly-refurbished Andover courts on December 4.

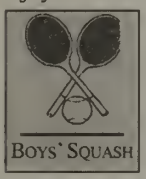
Boys Squash Demolishes Deerfield, Trounces Tabor

by Elliot Beck
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	5
Tabor	2

Andover	6
Deerfield	1

The Boys Squash team enjoyed its break following a big win, and then returned to school and landed themselves a second victory.



In Saturday's match against Tabor, there were only two losses, including a tough match given up by Co-Captain Will Simonton '03. Tabor's efforts were not enough, and Andover won the game five to two. Squash was momentarily forgotten by most of the team in the rush to prepare for exams, do shopping, and celebrate the holidays. In all fairness to the players who may have been rushed into playing challenge matches before the break, the coaches took another look at the lineup when the boys returned to campus. Interestingly, everyone that challenged up won, changing the whole line-up. Harry Goldstein '05 challenged up to Joe Musumeci '03, bumping him from the seventh seed. Dave Morse '04 jumped into the fifth seed ahead of Dan Wagman '06. Jeff Wessler '03 beat Elliot Beck '05 to secure the third seed, and finally, in a long five game match where both gave as good as they got, Simonton surrendered the number one spot to fellow captain Will Walter '03. This made some of the team anxious about Wednesday's match, because no one would be used to the number they were playing at. As it turned out, they didn't have to worry. Walter at #1 outplayed his opponent 3-0, as well as Simonton, Beck, Wagman, Morse and Goldstein. The only loss Andover suffered was recorded by Wessler. Deerfield is regarded as one of the strongest teams in the league this year, and before the match there was a lot of doubt as to whether or not Andover would be able to pull of the win. But they did, and with such a decisive win really set their stamp on the world of interscholastic squash, finally showing all the potential that they have had this year. Another exiting prospect is the squash tournament this weekend. It will be in the Boston area, and four of the team will be attending: Walter, Beck, Morse and Wagman. Playing on the USSRA (United States Squash Racquets Association) circuit will provide valuable experience for these players, as well as a taste of what kind of challenges are out there in the squash world. Another event to look forward to is the match today, for the squash team. Although it is away, it is another chance for the Big Blue squash team to show that yes, they truly are the dominant squash team around, and will not be beaten by anyone. Deities willing.

Boys Squash Dominates St. Paul's School in Upset

by Elliot Beck
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**7**
St. Paul's	**0**

In another epic match of utter destruction, the PA squash team managed to better its debut defeat of Harvard's JV with an even stronger showing against St. Paul's on Wednesday.

After another round of challenge matches on Tuesday, with results allowing for another reshuffling of the team, the team was once again unsure of how well they were going to do.

They were beaten last year by St. Paul's, 4-3. A small margin, but a defeat nonetheless.

Therefore, when they showed up, the boys were surprised to hear that the SPS numbers 1, 3 and 5 were missing from their line-up for the day. Whether it was good or bad luck is hard to tell, but it did allow for a phenomenal victory.

Not a game was dropped, and neither were any even close. For many, matches lasted only about 15 minutes. The players were disappointed, for although it is nice to win a match, it would have been better for some competition to have been provided.

In squash, it is very difficult to improve unless pushing against a tough opponent, and learning how to strategize to defeat an opponent who is perhaps better at racquet skills. There was, however, a very nice thing about the day.

Other than being allowed to leave earlier than usual, the squash players were pleased at the spectator turnout. There were parents and students in attendance. Perhaps, the crowd excited the players into their great play.

This weekend, on Saturday, the squash team has its biggest match so far. Belmont Hill, Choate and Westminster are coming up, meaning that there will definitely be plenty of matches.

Also, the athleticism displayed by squash players may expect some, who are of the mind that squash doesn't qualify as a real sport. However, back to this Saturday, there is really a reason to come.

So far this term, there have been almost no hard matches. PA squash has been blowing teams away left and right, not necessarily a bad thing.

But this weekend, there are some interesting matches waiting to happen. Belmont Hill is strong, having actually been the only team to beat the Big Blue squash this year. Choate and Westminster are traditionally strong, and from field reports so far nothing has changed.

So, when you see that squash player walking down the path, before you stick in those witty comments about the sport of squash, remember to wish them good luck this weekend, and to support them in person.

On Saturday, the Big Blue will head to a major tournament. The guys are all set to face off with Belmont Hill, Choate Rosemary Hall and Westminster School.

The tourney should provide a range of challenges for the Varsity squad, but with good use of practice time, the team should be very well prepared to take on the challengers.

Boys Squash Bests Middlesex; Blue Defeated by Belmont Hill

by Elliot Beck
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**7**
Middlesex	**0**

Belmont Hill	**4**
Andover	**3**

Middlesex never even had a chance. PA's opponents were unable to win a single match in last Thursday's contest. This was the Big Blue's ninth victory of the 2003 winter season. Missing Co-Captain Will Walter '03, it was crucial for everyone to step up, and everyone did.

PA failed to match their stellar performance last Wednesday, resulting in a devastating 4-3 loss at Belmont Hill. The Boys in Blue failed to capitalize on their opportunities and suffered from terrible luck.

Walter unfortunately lost a tough 5-game match against veteran opponent Chessin Gertler, an accomplished player who had crossed racquets with Walter in the past. At number two, Co-Captain Simonton '03 beat Jon Fulham after a shaky start, coming back from an early five point deficit in the first game to win that match as well as the next two.

Elliot Beck '05, at the number three spot, put forth a great performance, playing flawlessly through the first and most of the second games against opponent Anthony Bardaro. It was at 7-8 in the second that Beck first faltered. Now tied, 9-6 and 8-10, he went into the third furious and dominated his opponent, winning 9-3, 9-4.

The last win was at number four, with Jeff Wessler '03 shutting down his opponent for only ten points, winning 9-1, 9-7, 9-2. In the second game, the Belmont Hill player really began to pick up the pace and put pressure on Wessler. Wessler, mentally strong as always, quickly figured learned to play to his opponent's weaknesses, pulling off one of only two 3-game wins.

The Belmont Hill players that gave the Boys in Blue the greatest challenge were at the bottom half of the ladder. BH's number five, Joe Pasquale, did a phenomenal job against Dan Wagman '06, managing to provide Wagman with his first defeat of the year, after a prolonged three-gamer ending 10-8 in the third.

Harry Goldstein '05 also had a tough loss, starting the match going down in the first game. His opponent Arthur Green then won three in a row, winning the match with a close score of 3-2, 10-9 in the fifth.

Then, the final match of the day arrived. All other activity ceased in the squash facility, and both schools' Varsity and JV teams were watching the match. Belmont Hill's Frank Cohen was up against Morse, and when everyone came to watch the match, it was into its fifth game.

Cohen won the first game, and Morse countered with the second. Cohen then won the third, and Morse destroyed him in the fourth, 9-2. In the fifth game, neither player was able to gain a clear lead. With the game tied at 8-8, Morse faltered twice, resulting in a game and match defeat.

Despite a heart-breaking loss this week, the Big Blue plan to avenge their loss in their matches next week.

Andover Blue Squashes Milton; Vanquishes St. Georges' Handily

by Elliot Beck
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	5
Milton	2
Andover	4
St. Georges'	3

The Boys in Blue had a spectacular week, squashing two of the best teams in New England, Milton Academy and St. Georges'.

BOYS SQUASH

Coming off a disappointing loss to Belmont Hill, the Big Blue prepared to sqaure off against one of New England's best teams, Milton Academy.

Milton's number one man, Luke Harris, was out for the game because of a groin-related injury. Because of this, every Milton players moved up a spot. Because Eliot Beck '05 was also out because of a broken tooth, Andover's 4-8 were moved up to 3-7.

Co-Captain Will Walter '03, Co-Captain Will Simonton '03, Dan Wagman '06, Harry Goldstein '05, and Dave Morse '04 all notched wins in Saturday's match.

Jeff Wessler '03, playing at number three, and Kirk Lepke '04, playing at number seven, were unable to pull off victories. Wessler lost in a heartbreaking five-gamer.

Andover was very pleased to have beaten Milton, one of the best teams in the league. Along with St. Georges', Milton was one of PA's toughest competitors.

Wednesday was a hectic day on the Andover squash courts, with four teams having home matches.

After the JV teams were done around 4:30, the Varsity teams introduced themselves and jumped on court. The first matches to develop were at the 1, 2 and 4 spots.

Walter quickly fell behind and ended up losing 3-0 to a tough opponent.

Both Simonton at 2 and Wessler at 4 managed to win 3-0, giving the Big Blue a nice 2-1 head start. Beck's match was the longest of the day, lasting easily 40 minutes and five tough games, three of which went to 9-7.

As Wagman and Goldstein moved into their first and second games, Beck kept playing. He dropped the first two 9-7, 9-7, but his opponent was tired, which allowed Beck to take control. The third game was relatively short, a nice 9-4 win allowed Beck to get back in the game. After winning the third game, Beck never turned back, taking easy wins in the fourth and fifth games.

Goldstein and Wagman were both down 2-0, with little hope of coming back against tough opponents. For the second time this season (the first being Belmont Hill), the match rested in Dave Morse's hands. The first game was incredibly close, with the biggest lead being by two points, and the end result was a 10-9 win by Morse.

Morse used the momentum from his first match to take a victory in the second match, with an end score of 9-4. Morse lost his game in the third match, allowing his opponent to take a 9-0 win. Morse came back in the fourth, going ahead quickly and then slowly working his way to a 10-8 win.

With Interschols approaching, this week was stellar for Andover squash. The Boys look forward to continuing their winning streak into the rest of the season.

"We had our ups and downs today," said Simonton. "We had our good matches and our bad matches, but we pulled through over one of the better teams in the league."

M. Hoyd/ *The Phillipian*

Squash Co-Captain Will Walter '03 sweats up a storm en route to his victory this past week.

Boys Squash Beats the Big Red In Spite of Simonton's Absence

by Elliot Beck
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	5
Groton	2
Andover	5
Exeter	2

The Boys Squash team had yet another banner week. The boys tallied two wins on the week, the first came against Groton, a known squash powerhouse. The boys returned Wednesday against archrival Exeter. Though PEA has struggled on the season, the Andover match up undoubtedly brings out the best in the Big Red.

BOYS' SQUASH

Groton was a tough match, as it was expected to be from the start. Although they had lost to St. George's, a team Andover beat, they had also managed to down Belmont Hill, a squad which just overcame PA, 4-3. The even-numbered players played first, along with Dave Morse '04 at number seven, who happened to win his match quickly. Jeff Wessler '03 won at number 4, winning the first easily, and squeaking out a win in the second 10-8. Then he finished it in the third, going 3-0 for the second Andover win. Co-Captain Will Simonton '03 at number 2 also won, after a long three-gamer against his opponent, with the first game and many of the points quite close.

Trying to clinch the match, Harry Goldstein '05 at number 6 just could not pull it off, dropping three games to his experienced opponent, for Andover's first defeat. Dan Wagman '06 to a very strong number five from Groton.

In the end, two matches stretched to five games, of which Andover needed to win only one to win the match. Co-Captain Will Walter '03 went on first, playing a tough match against Groton's number one. As this was going on, Elliot Beck '05 went on against his opponent at number three. Walter won his first game, making a win seem inevitable. But after a loss in the second, and Beck's first game loss, it did not seem so sure. However, Beck came back from behind to win the second and third, dropped the fourth, and narrowly escaped defeat with a 9-7 win in the fifth game to clinch the win for Andover.

No longer under any pressure to win, Walter relaxed, and once it was tied 2 all in the fifth, he came up with a big win, solidifying his reputation as a strong number one player.

With this strong win, a confident Andover squad went off to Exeter to play against the Big Red. With a 7-0 victory earlier in the year, PA was confident, but sadly Simonton at number two could not play due to sickness. Numbers one, four and seven played first, and as Kirk Lepke '04 and Walter jumped ahead of their opponents, Wagman fell behind in a frustrating loss. However, now up two, Andover had a much easier task ahead of them. Beck downed his opponent in a frustrating match.

However, Goldstein lost, and Andover needed one more win to clinch an 11-1 season. Both Wessler and Morse aided the task, as each added quick 3-0 victories.

Commenting on the match on Friday, Wagman remarked that, "It was exciting going out there against a team proven to be strong, but we pulled it off after a shaky start, making a strong showing at a crucial time. With Interschols approaching, we need to play the best squash we've played all year, and I think that we managed to do just that."

On that note, Squash goes into Inter-Scholastics this weekend at Yale. There is much hope on Academy Hill for a high finish, as Simonton, Beck and Wessler all go into 'schols undefeated at their numbers. The boys will receive excellent seedings, which promises an easier going in the earlier rounds. All in all, the season will not be complete if the boys fail to return a championship trophy to Andover.

Co-Capt. Walter '03 Leads Squash Team at Interschols

Continued from Page 12, Column 2

solid total of 43 points. In the next round, each Andover player won, thanks in part to fewer challenging matches, but also due to the boys' hard work and dedication all season. After that round, Andover came up against its tougher opponents and scored an impressive 81 points total. However, the PA team had trouble in the quarterfinals, capturing only two wins.

Walter, Beck, Harry Goldstein '05, and Dave Morse '04 all lost, and only Simonton and Jeff Wessler '03 moved onto the semifinals. Walter lost a trying match against the first-seeded player, losing quickly in three. Beck went up against a player from Groton whom he had beaten before by a very close score, 9-7 in the fifth game. However, this time it was not fated to be, as Beck limped onto the court with an injured quadricep and left even worse, with a disgruntling 9-6 loss in the fifth. Goldstein was also met head-on with a tough opponent from Groton. The lower managed to win the first set, but then proceeded to drop the next three in a row for a brutal 3-1 loss. Morse also lost 3-1. He faced off with the first-ranked seed, and although he put up a commendable fight, keeping it close in every game, it was not to be. His opponent was just too good, and played consistently. Morse left with hopes of better luck next time.

The two wins for Simonton and Wessler were easy, both 3-0. The two progressed into their respective "final four" matches. Wessler played against the number one seed, whom he had previously lost. However, that game had been close, as Wessler had fought tooth and nail for every point, and just been edged out in five games. He did not get a chance to prove himself this time, as he lost in a heartbreaking four-game match.

Simonton kept up his winning streak, cruising on his way into his final match without having dropped a game. In the final, however, he went ahead 2-1 against a tough opponent and lost the fourth 9-8. After a full day of hard-fought squash matches, Simonton just did not have the energy to battle in that final set. Although the rest of the team urged him on, Simonton just could not beat it out. He lost, but still finished in a more-than-respectable second place in the tournament.

All told, the Andover team had amassed 111 points, placing them in a noteworthy fifth place tie with Groton Academy. Milton took 4th with 112 points, and Choate Rosemary Hall was third with 113. Above them, for second and first, were Brunswick and Taft with 165 and 167 points, respectively. They are incredibly strong teams, and none of the members of Andover's Squash team had really expected to be able to compete with them. However, the Andover team is proud of its strong finish and hopes to follow it up next year.

Athlete Of The Week

Will Simonton '03

"When Will walks onto a court to start a match, he always reminds me of someone stepping into his office to begin a serious day's work." —Coach Tom Cone

by Weston Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

To be ranked as one of the top 20 squash players of your age group in the nation is impressive, but this week's Athlete of the Week surpasses even that achievement. He has made top 20 lists every year since the age of ten and shows no sign of halting his streak of dominance. Will Simonton '03 has been a member of the Phillips Academy Boys Varsity Squash team since he matriculated as a freshman and now serves as Co-captain along with Will Walter '03. Throughout his Andover career, he has held a record of 46 interscholastic wins with only 15 losses.

Simonton became acquainted with the game at the age of three, when he was dealt a miniature racket with which to play. He started in earnest at the age of eight and played his first tournament two years later. Simonton played tournaments for three years before he was able to pull out an overall win. Simonton remembered the feeling after that first win, saying, "Winning my first tournament was pretty amazing, though I was not facing very tough competition. It was still pretty cool to win my first tournament after coming so close for the first three years of my junior career."

Simonton was able to attend these tournaments because of his parents' overwhelming support of his athletic pursuit. Simonton's father was himself a star squash player earlier in life. Simonton recognized that his early interest most likely came from his dad. "My dad was previously ranked top ten in the nation in Super A squash, so he introduced me to the game."

Simonton cites his parents as his biggest supporters, followed by several of his friends. "My mom and dad have been the reason for my success. All the sacrifices that they have made, big and small, have allowed me to get on court and get the coaching around. I cannot thank them enough for what they have done."

Simonton's coaches have also played a large role in his development as a squash player. "I have had several coaches throughout my squash experience and they all have had a huge impact on my game. Ed Chilton, Tom Cone, Imran Khan, Dominic Hughes, and Bryan Patterson have been the most important coaches in my playing experience. Each and every one of them has helped me shape my game to what it is now."

Coach Cone remarked, "Squash has been a large part of [Simonton's] life for a long time. Over the years, Will frequently came to practice early to sharpen his game. He drilled seriously, kept himself in good condition and played with intense concentration. When Will walks onto a court to start a match, he always reminds me of someone stepping into his office to begin a serious day's work. Will has set a fine example for others to follow and has helped younger players develop their game."

After three years as a regular player on the team, Simonton stepped up to the role of captain this year. When asked about the position, he commented, "It is really not that much different from being another player on the team. I try hard to motivate other people on the team to work hard on their games on and off the court. It's been a great experience to have been a Co-captain with Will Walter, who has made such an incredible improvement over the past two years." Their combined leadership led the team to a 12-1 record this season and a finish in a tie for fifth at Interschols.

Simonton plans to continue his squash playing through college. "Next year I am going to the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, so I will play for Penn during the next four years. I hope to play in the top six on the team as a freshman and steadily climb up the ladder in the following years."

Next year, PA will lose a great squash player. Simonton has been a lynchpin of the team for the last four years; however the skills that Simonton has shown so far at PA should serve him well throughout his squash [illegible]

PA BOYS SQUASH FINISHES STRONG FIFTH AT 'SCHOLS

by Elliot Beck
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

This year, PA squash celebrated the most successful season in recent Andover history. Retaining four of their previous top five from the 2002 squad, the boys boasted one of the best teams in New England. The Boys in Blue ended the season with a phenomenal 12-1 regular season record. The lone loss, against Belmont, was an especially close match that startled the undefeated PA team.

Advancing to the number one spot at the end of the year, Co-captain Will Walter '03 was a force to be reckoned with. Along with Co-captain Will Simonton '03, who ended the season at number two, Walter led the team both on and off the courts.

Elliot Beck '05, unbeaten in regular season play, played at the number three spot. At number four stood Jeff Wessler '03. Wessler had a stellar 2003 campaign, suffering his only loss of the season when he played up at the number three spot.

Newcomer Dan Wagman '06 played at the number five spot. He showed himself to be fairly calm under pressure and pulled out a few close wins for the team.

Playing sixth on the ladder was Harry Goldstein '05, a quickly improving player who moved up at the end. Captain-elect Dave Morse '04 rounded out the varsity roster at number seven. He showed great potential during the year that will make him a formidable player next winter.

Interschols came as a disappointing surprise to the team. The boys finished in fifth, tying with Groton and losing to Choate and Milton, two teams that they had beaten in the regular season. The team played a number of close matches, most of which resulted in losses. However, everyone played their hearts out. The team still came in fifth out of the 32 schools in attendance.

Despite the graduation of three of the top four players today, the 2003-2004 squad hopes to be among the top teams in New England.

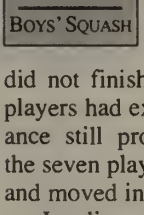
PA BOYS SQUASH PLACES FIFTH AT NE INTERSCHOLS

FINISHES SEASON STRONG

Captains Walter '03, Simonton '03 Lead Team in Tourney

by Elliot Beck
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The PA Boys Squash team ended its season at the Interscholastic tournament last Friday with victory after victory, only to find itself in fifth place. Although the team did not finish as highly as many players had expected, its performance still proved successful. Of the seven players, six were seeded and moved into the quarterfinals.



Leading up to the match, the seedings of each player had been posted and the squad arrived at the Yale squash courts with a determination to win. Co-Captain Will Walter '03 won the first match of the day for the Andover boys and the team continued the trend, winning match after match. Both Elliot Beck '05 and Co-Captain Will Simonton '03 trounced their opponents handily in the first round of matches. Dan Wagman '06 suffered the only Big Blue loss of the day, falling to the hands of a very tough player.

The scoring system for the Interscholastic Squash Tournament is slightly obscure. Each man entered receives one point. Each main draw win receives six points, a consolation win gets two points, and a loss, of course, yields no points. After seven matches, Andover was still competing for first place with a

Continued on Page 11, Column 3

SPORT: Girls Squash

YEAR: 2002 - 2003

CAPTAIN: **Emily O'Brien**

MANAGER:

COACH: **Tom Hodgson**

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD
13th at Interschols

WON 3 **LOST** 9 **TIED** _____

Letter Winners

Julie Bramowitz
Diane Grace
Charlotte MacMillan
Emily O'Brien
Pamela Risseeuw
Cara Ruccolo
Phoebe Rockwell
Skylar Washburn

Girls Squash

			PA	OPP
Sat. 12/7/2002	(H)	TABOR	3:45	
Sat. 12/7/2002	(A)	MILTON	2:30	
Wed. 1/8/2003	(H)	Squashbusters	4:30	
Sat. 1/11/2003	(A)	TAFT		
		vs. Taft	0	7
		vs Loomis	0	7
Wed. 1/15/2003	(H)	BROOKS	6	1
Sat. 1/18/2003	(A)	EXETER	6	1
Wed. 1/22/2003	(A)	GROTON	1	6
Sat. 1/25/2003	(H)	MILTON	0	7
Wed. 1/29/2003	(A)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	6	1
Wed. 2/5/2003	(H)	ST. PAUL'S	0	7
Sat. 2/8/2003	(H)	DEERFIELD	0	7
Wed. 2/12/2003	(H)	GROTON	1	6
Fri. 2/14/2003	(A)	MIDDLESEX	2	5
Wed. 2/19/2003	(H)	EXETER	1	6
Sat. 2/22/2003	(A)	INTERSCHOLASTICS	13th place	
Sun. 2/23/2003	(A)	INTERSCHOLASTICS		

2/22/03 Girls Squash Competes At Interschols; O'Brien Earns Trophy The Andover team placed 13th out of 15 teams entered in the Girls Squash A Division Tournament held at Groton on Saturday and Sunday. Every player on the team contributed to the PA team score by earning at least one point with a win in a consolation round match. Senior captain Emily O'Brien took home the trophy for winning the first consolation tournament at the #2 position. The Blue played their best squash of the season, and the returning players finished with a clear sense of the challenge ahead.

Grace '05 Wins Lone Match As Andover Drops Two Decisions

by Julie Bramowitz
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter	**7**
Andover	**0**
Groton	**6**
Andover	**1**

Sometimes it takes a taste of loss for a team to truly savor a win. For Girls' Squash, this may be several losses, but the wins have and will continue to be appreciated to their fullest extent.

Exeter, a team that has presented little threat over the past few seasons, has matured, developing a roster they established originally in the winter of 2000. Continuing to play without Captain and number one player Emily O'Brien '03, the girls were each pushed up a spot on the ladder before taking on the Big Red last Saturday. With the exception of Cara Ruccolo '05, who moved up to five, bumping Julie Bramowitz '03 down to six, the lineup remained the same from the last week.

Collectively, the team suffered another 0-7 defeat, though individually, notable performances from Skylar Washburn '05 (#3) and Diana Grace '05 (#1) helped soften the loss. Bramowitz's less than stellar performance of a 0-9, 0-9, 0-9 match left her with some extra time to reflect on the somewhat comically unbalanced (mis)match-up.

Pam Risseeuw and Phoebe Rockwood, both '03, who played two of the more competitive matches of the day, will have their opportunity for revenge when the Blue challenge Exeter at the end of the season on the home courts.

Wednesday presented the squad with a more reasonable competition, this time hosted by Groton. Boasting (no pun intended) a state-of-the-art facility, Groton's eight-plus international courts and grand viewing area are a squash player's dream. Unlike the Andover courts, however, the courts at Groton are composed of a more costly plaster material that slows the ball down and ultimately, changes the entire pace of a rally. Andover had to practice several serves before beginning the games just to get an idea of where to place the ball for the optimal shot; these courts would require quicker reflexes and better shot execution.

Captain O'Brien, back from a leave of absence, returned to the game with much ease. Matched up against one of the stronger number one players in the league, O'Brien played exceptionally well considering her three-week break from the sport. Though the scores (3-9, 5-9, 5-9) may not reflect this, her numerous lengthy exchanges were watched by all thirty-two girls, who, by the time she released her first serve, were finished with their relatively brief matches.

MacMillan, who also ultimately fell to her Groton opponent, persevered despite the overheated conditions, finishing up with a match that included a nail-biting 9-10 contest. Grace finished with the only win for Blue, finding victory after five very tight games. When asked what drove her to her win, Grace grinned, attributing her success solely to the perhaps debatable fact that she's "very, very cool." Whichever way one wants to interpret this observation, Grace does have a talent for keeping her head under control, and besides her incredible quickness and dead-on drop shots, it may have been that stronger-than-steel mentality that enabled the number two player to finish on top.

By the time Andover was heading for the bus, Groton's Varsity coach had already verbalized the pleasure she felt of earning a win. "Well, this is a first for us," she shared with Coach Hodgson. He looked up and smiled politely, subsequently herding the group towards the exit. With another match versus Groton a month from now, the girls all thought about what he rather diplomatically decided not to put into words. Every team deserves to win against the Big Blue for the first time, but in the case of Groton, this would also the last.

This Saturday the Blue faces Milton Academy, which should be another competitive day of squash. Perhaps all the girls needed was a little bit of loss to realize how much they want to come home with a win this weekend.

St. Paul's Squash Serves Andover a Tough Defeat

by Julie Bramowitz
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

St. Paul's	**7**
Andover	**0**

Girls' Varsity Squash faced two challenges this past Wednesday during their home match against St. Paul's School: an experienced team with lots of depth, and a passionate head coach who wavers between aggressively competitive and competitively aggressive.

Diana Grace '05 may have been regretting her challenge match victory, as Wednesday she faced off against one of the best players in the league. Grace persevered despite the almost unreachable shots of her opponent and finished her three games with a very respectable collection of four points.

Emily O'Brien '03 faced adversity in her match as well, though most of it was coming from the mouth of an outspoken SPS coach. Several questionable calls set O'Brien back, along with the precise drop shots by St. Paul's number two player, ultimately causing the captain fall to the Big Red. Charlotte MacMillan '05, whose talent for chasing down almost every ball typically places her ahead of even the quickest opponent, was not enough to outdo her St. Paul's counterpart, as Andover's number three quickly found defeat as well. Skylar Washburn '05 held her head up high, despite her defeat.

Washburn's good attitude seemed to rub off on Cara Ruccolo '05 who played on the neighboring court for Andover's number five spot. Similar to a four-game match she played last week against Milton, Ruccolo came back after being down two games. Once Ruccolo found her stride, she was able to take control of the match, using straight shots and serving to her advantage. The fourth game, which eventually went in favor of the Red, 9-5, was a huge improvement from Ruccolo's first, as a 4-0 score went back and forth between Andover and SPS for at least seven serves.

At number six, Julie Bramowitz '03 employed backhand lobs to counter her opponent's frequent drop shots, narrowly pulling off a first game victory of 10-9. Bramowitz managed to collect a few more points, but ultimately lost the game.

Pam Risseeuw '03 and Phoebe Rockwood '03, playing numbers seven and eight, respectively, both lost in three brief games.

Coach Hodgson's fail-proof practice of pasting hitting targets on the wall with blue tape will be a crucial exercise for the girls to pinpoint where they want to place the ball during competition. The team hopes that there will be enough tape leftover this weekend just in case another opposing coach gets a little bit too rowdy.

PA GIRLS SQUASH REBUILDS IN 2003 WINTER SEASON

by Emily O'Brien
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR CXXV

The Girls Squash team upheld the motto "Win with grace, lose with dignity." Despite having a "rebuilding" year, due in large part to the fact that the team boasted only two returners, Captain Emily O'Brien '03 and Diana Grace '05, PA improved in leaps and bounds. Pam Risseeuw '03 commented, "We knew going into the season that it was going to be a tough year, so our main focus was to improve and enjoy playing squash."

New faces on the roster this winter included Charlotte MacMillan '05, Skylar Washburn '05, Cara Ruccolo '05, Risseeuw, Julie Bramowitz '03, and Phoebe Rockwood '03. PA competed in a season-opening tournament at Harvard before winter break, and although the team's inexperience showed in the final results, the girls fared reasonably well, winning as many matches as they lost. After losses to Taft and Loomis, the Blue beat Brooks, a perennially weak squad, winning six of seven individual matches. Losses to PEA, Groton, and Milton rounded out the rest of the January season, and PA moved into February looking to add a second win to its record.

Gutsy performances against the Nobles team mid-season helped secure a 6-1 victory as well as demonstrate how much the team had improved over the course of the first half of the season. Nobles, unfortunately, was to be the last victory of the season.

With its trials and its training behind them, Andover finished the season with a 13th place finish at Interschols. In the last few years, Andover has finished as high as fourth at Interschols, thus this year's finish was disappointing, but something that was to be expected considering the team's 2-10 record going in. Every player on the team contributed to the PA team score by earning at least one point with a win in a consolation round match.

Although W's did not abound, Andover managed a few victories. Interschols displayed the marked improvement of the underclassmen on the team. Captain O'Brien took home a trophy for winning the first consolation tournament in her flight, capping off her three-year career on the team.

O'Brien commented, "I was really impressed with everyone's play at Interschols. We knew we probably were not going to have the best results in terms of wins, but I think everyone still played some excellent squash. It was really a pleasure to play with all the girls on the team this season, without such a good group our season record might have been a little more difficult to come to terms with."

SPORT: Boys Swimming

YEAR: 2002 - 2003

CAPTAIN: **Brian Fiske, Eugene Hill**

MANAGER:

COACH: **Jacques Hugon**
Chad Stern,
Jeff Maitz

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD
4th AT INTERSCHOLS

WON 5 LOST 2 TIED

Letter Winners

Robert Anderson
Eric Chung
Brian Fiske
Dave Hill
Bryce Kaufman
Gavin Kuangparichat
Thomas Lesnick
JC MacMillan
Rohan Mathew
Peter Stetson
Paull Randt
Aaron Stroble
Tom Yeung
Charlie Thornton
Jamie Neuwirth
Jeff Zhou

Boys Swimming

			PA	OPP
Sat. 1/11/2003	(A)	LOOMIS	win	
Sat. 1/18/2003	(A)	N.M.H.	win	
Sat. 1/25/2003	(H)	DEERFIELD	win	
Wed. 1/29/2003	(H)	BARRACUDAS	loss	
Sat. 2/1/2003	(H)	HOPKINS	win	
Sat. 2/8/2003	(A)	SUFFIELD / WILLISTON	win	
Wed. 2/19/2003	(H)	EXETER	loss	
Sat. 3/1/2003	(A)	INTERSCHOLASTICS	4th place	

PHILLIPS ACADEMY ANDOVER
Boys Swimming & Diving
2003

Name	Yr	Hometown
Eric Chung	03	Andover, MA
Brian Fiske	03	Andover, MA
Dave Hill	03	Prides Crossing, MA
Bryce Kaufman	03	New Canaan, CT
Gavin Kuangparichat	03	Excelsior Springs, MO
JC MacMillan	03	Los Angeles, CA
Peter Stetson	03	Falmouth, ME
Thatcher Clay	04	Ellicott City, MD
Paull Randt	04	Beijing, China
Aaron Stroble	04	Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
Ben Sweeney	04	Chester, CT
Peter Whalen	04	San Juan Capistrano, CA
Tom Yeung	04	Bangkok, Thailand
Peter Accomando	05	Andover, MA
Kevin Daly	05	Breckenbridge, CO
Chris Donahue	05	Winchester, MA
Chris Herlich	05	Andover, MA
Tom Lesnick	05	Williamsburg, VA
Charlie Thornton	05	New Bedford, MA
Yusuke Uchiyama	05	Cincinnati, OH
Robert Anderson	06	Orinda, CA
Jeff Cutts	06	Andover, MA
Jamie Neuwirth	06	Ross, CA
Daniel Whalen	06	San Juan Capistrano, CA
Alex Wolf	06	Corvallis, OR
Jeff Zhou	06	Getzville, NY

Coach
Jacques Hugon
Chad Stern
Jeff Maitz

BSwimming

3/1/03 Boys Swimming Takes 4th place at Interschols
The boys varsity swim team concluded a very successful 2003 campaign with a 4th place finish at the New England Interscholastic championships held at Deerfield on March 1. Seven different swimmers and three relays placed in seventeen Championship and Consolation Finals, earning the team a total of 237 points.

In the first event, the 200 Medley Relay, Andover entered the team of Jeff Zhou '06, Brian Fiske '03, Tom Lesnick '05 and Dave Hill '03. PA was in first place half-way through the race, but had to relinquish the win to Deerfield in the last two legs, finishing a strong 2nd overall in a time of 1:38.21.

In the 200 Freestyle, Aaron Stroble '04 recorded his personal best time by three full seconds in the Consolation Finals, finishing 15th in 1:52.48. The 200 Individual Medley, a very strong event for the boys in Blue the last few years, featured co-captains Fiske and Hill in the Championship Finals, and Bryce Kaufman '03 in the Consolation Finals. Fiske, the defending champion in the event, had to settle for third place in 1:54.32, while Hill improved on his personal best by three seconds, to finish 4th in 1:57.38. Kaufman also improved by about three seconds on his personal best time to finish 12th in 2:08.37, rounding out a truly spectacular event for PA. In the 50 Freestyle, captain-elect Paull Randt '04 topped the Consolation Finals in 22.63, finishing 9th and breaking the 23-second barrier for the first time in his career. JC MacMillan '03 scored his best total ever in the 1-meter Diving, surpassing the 400-point mark with a remarkable 404.20 total, good enough for 3rd place overall. And Tom Lesnick '05 won the Consolation Finals of the 100 Fly in 55.59, after narrowly missing the Championship heat with a 55.52 in the morning preliminaries. In the 100 Freestyle, Randt distinguished himself again by earning a very good 12th place with a best time of 50.34 (50.32 in the morning preliminaries). Stroble followed with a 13th place overall in the 500 Freestyle in a best time of 5:12.56.

The 200 Freestyle Relay, composed of Fiske, rising star Jamie Neuwirth '06, Gavin Kuangparichat '03 and Randt had to settle for 6th place overall against very stiff competition, but not before Randt had once again left his mark on the event with a great split of 21.87 to anchor the relay. The 100 Backstroke was one of the team's strongest events, with Lesnick and Zhou finishing 5th and 6th in the Championship Finals. Lesnick and Zhou recorded personal best times of 55.50 and 55.76 (in the morning), while Kaufman took 13th place in the Consolation Finals in 59.30. In the last individual event, the 100 Breaststroke, co-captains Fiske and Hill once again battled in the Championship Finals, with Brian winning the event in 57.46, while Hill finished 4th in 1:00.41 (1:00.17 in the preliminaries). The boys had the disadvantage to swim the last event, the 400 Freestyle relay, in the penultimate heat, without the competition of the best teams around them. Despite this handicap, the team of Lesnick, Randt, Zhou and Hill was able to score an excellent 4th place overall in a superb time of 3:21.07. Of particular note were the splits of Randt, under the 50 seconds for the first time in 49.86, and Hill, who recorded a blistering 49.10 to close out the relay, and his high-school career.

Swim.

Among the swimmers who did not reach the Finals, mention should be made of super-sprinter Neuwirth, who recorded excellent times of 23.63 and 51.90 in the freestyle events, improving his 100 time by 5 full seconds during his first season at PA. Another super-frosh, Rob Anderson '06, scored an unexpected 19th place overall with a terrific 1:01.67 time.

Coach Hugon commented after the meet: "I am very pleased with the overall performance of the team, with most of our swimmers recording personal best times, and with the depth we showed, including many young swimmers stepping up and swimming fast in their first trip to the New Englands. Our 4th place is a fitting conclusion to a terrific dual meet season (6-1), and while we will be graduating an outstanding group of seniors (Fiske, Hill, Kaufman, Kuangparichat, Chung, Stetson and MacMillan), this meet does show that we have the depth of talent needed to continue our winning tradition for next year, and years to come."

Boys Swimming Prepares for Competition In Final Week of Practices and Time Trials

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Coming off of break, the Boys' Varsity Swim team has been making the most of their final full week of training before they dive into a packed season of dual meets. Prior to the long vacation, the team held informal time trials in order to gain some perspective as far as future meet line ups are concerned. Coach Jaques Hugon always knew that his 2003 squad was tough, but the wonderful results of the time trials were quite a pleasant surprise to him. He commented, "The team is looking strong. We have much more depth than last year, both in quantity and quality".

Coach Hugon's statement was definitely backed up by the guys' times. Though each swimmer only swam the hundred freestyle and an event of their choice, many posted times that were near to or better than their all time bests. Some of the highlights include senior co-captain Dave Hill's time of 51.42 in the hundred freestyle, as well as Tom Lesnick's '05 time of 52.41 in the same event. Both of these swims turned out to be the boys' fastest times in their PA careers to date. Freshman Jeff Zhou also proved that he did not need a meet to step up when he posted times of 23.31 in the fifty free, and 58.42 in the hundred backstroke. Coach Hugon says that both of these swims are fast enough to earn Zhou a spot in the finals heat come Interschols. Zhou says that he is looking forward to a good season. He and the rest of his team mates hope to start the season off on the right foot this Saturday when the Big Blue travels down to Loomis for a dual meet. "We are going to try to break the record in the first relay", Zhou says. The first relay is the four by fifty medley relay and the current record is one of the oldest currently on the board. Zhou says the team going for the record will probably be comprised of himself, co-captain Brian Fiske, co-captain David Hill, and either Paull Randt or Tom Lesnick as anchor. As a final thought, Zhou wanted to make sure that a public plea was extended from the team to junior Jamie Neuwirth, another backstroker, who Zhou says would help round out the team.

With the confidence of an unusually successful time trials behind them, the boys have definitely stepped up their training this past week. On Tuesday they were subjected to one of Coach Hugon's never ending speed workouts that ended in a brutal combination of hundreds, seventy-fives, fifties, and twenty-fives at increasingly difficult intervals. However, the boys seemed to be handling the set well enough, and were moving at a good clip which was perhaps aided by the newest team member – an impressive stereo system.

On Wednesday, the guys were further put to the test with a lactate set which consisted of six all out one hundreds without the chance to warm down in between. Though vicious, all of these practices will make the boys much stronger in the back half of the season when their bodies will have to keep up with the rigorous meet schedule and swim strongly though they are tired. As Tom Lesnick puts it, "I am very optimistic about the season. We have a strong team, and I think that we will be giving a lot of really strong teams a good run for their money, that is, if we don't beat them."

Though their varsity counterparts had Wednesday off, the boys' JV team had a meet against the Berwick varsity team. The meet started off with a mild disappointment as the 200 medley teams finished second and third. However, the momentum was soon to be picked up by senior stand out Peter Stetson in the following event, the 200 free. Stetson had an inspiring swim finishing with a time of 2:15.06, which was at least forty seconds faster than the first Berwick competitor. The next event, the 200 individual medley was owned by PA swimmer Yusuke Uchiyama. Yusuke had a full eight second lead after the butterfly portion of the race, and had increased his lead to sixteen seconds by the midway point. He easily won the event with a final time of 2:34.12.

Next on the line up was the fifty free which is a strong event for the Big Blue. Swimming for Andover were Rob Anderson, Charlie Thorton, and Jeff Cutts. At the turn, Thorton and Anderson were very close, but Anderson was able to kick into a second gear for the final half and won the event in an impressive time of 25.40. Thorton managed to finish third with a time of 27.20, and Cutts came in fourth with a time of 28.55. After only a short break, Yusuke was back on the blocks for the hundred fly and came in second with a time of 1:16. 86.

Pumped by the successful individual swims, the boys then got themselves organized for the four by fifty freestyle relay. The boys all swam well, but were unfortunately touched out by the Berwick team. They came in second with a time of 1:48.65 after a valiant attempt by Anderson to make up lost time. Thatcher Clay soon re-established the winning theme when he smoked his heat in the hundred backstroke, winning with a time of 1:10.31 – almost two full seconds faster than the Berwick swimmer. After Clay's swim Andover was up by two points.

With a sense of increased urgency Charlie Thorton, Kevin Daly, and Ben Sweeney took to the blocks for the hundred breaststroke. Thorton swam to second place with a time of 1:15.12, and Daly was right behind him coming in third with a 1:22.42. Sweeny also had a good swim placing fifth with a 1:26.75. The final relay secured the boys' victory over Berwick. The team of Stetson, Jeff Cutts, Thatcher Clay, and Rob Anderson was unbeatable and finished five seconds ahead of the Berwick team with a final time of 4:10.62. Overall, it was a very good start to the season, and both the boys and Coach Jaques Hugon are very excited by both the individual and team performances.

Boys in the Pool Outswim NMH Hoggers; Captains Fiske and Hill Start Up the Wave

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**112**
NMH	**67**

After last year's disappointing meet against NMH, the Big Blue had a score to settle. The men in Speedos made the long trip out to NMH with their female counterparts on a mission – it was going to be a duel in the pool. Actually, annihilation in the pool is perhaps a better phrase to describe what happened this past Saturday!

The poor Hoggers of NMH probably never even knew what hit them as the Andover Blue took a commanding lead of the meet from the outset. In the first event, the 200 medley relay, the Big Blue took an easy 1-2. The A relay made up of Tom Lesnick '05, Brian Fiske '03, Dave Hill '03 and Jeff Zhou '06 could have swum their relay at a warm down pace and still won, but they managed to push themselves and swim a very fast time of 1:43.73.

Also shining in the 200 medley relay was Andover's B team of Bryce Kaufman '03, Charlie Thornton '06, Gavin Kuangparichat '03 and Eric Chung '03. The foursome did an impressive job working to beat out NMH's first seated relay and thus establish the score 12-2 PA after the first race.

Andover continued its relentless battering of NMH's pride in the next three events. Co-captain Brian Fiske '03 absolutely swamped the competition in the 200 freestyle with his time of 1:48.58. Ever modest, Fiske tried to make excuses for the pathetic NMH squad by saying, "NMH was really hurting from the loss of eleven seniors, plus three other of their best swimmers who either got kicked out or were on SYA. They were a mere skeleton of their old team, and it really showed in the results." Oh, cry me a river, NMH.

Co-captain David Hill '03 and Tom Lesnick '05 were up next to take first and second respectively in the 200 individual medley, and Jeff Zhou '06 took the 50 freestyle with a blazingly time of 23.33. Zhou's win in the 50 freestyle helped the team in extending its lead over the Hoggers to 45-17.

Unfortunately, the Andover men's sole diver, JC MacMillan '03, was not able to travel out to NMH with the boys so the team was not able to enter any divers into the diving competition.

The first event back after the diving break was the 100 butterfly, and PA again finished first and second. It was a tight race between Fiske and Hill, but Fiske was able to pull ahead of Hill in the end and finished with a time of 54.78. Nevertheless, Hill did an admiral job in an event that is still quite new to him and posted a 56.73.

Lesnick, Andover's resident distance swimmer, put up a good fight but could not hang on when NMH swimmer Adam Phillips pulled away from him at about the 300 mark. It was apparent that Lesnick was incredibly tired, and to that he said, "I thought we did well as a whole. The team worked its collective butt off all week in some intense practices and we were tired coming into the meet. I think we did a good job swimming through that, but the tiredness kept us from posting up incredible times."

Next up came the 100 backstroke and the race of a lifetime for Aaron Stroble '04. Co-captain Fiske put it well when he asserted, "The swim of the meet was Aaron Stroble in the 100 back. He beat the competition by over a second, even though he has no idea how to do backstoke walls, starts, and finishes. He could be in the final heat of Interschols if he learned how to finesse his race." Yes folks, Stroble is an up-and-coming animal and, as he so eloquently puts it, "this team is like large animals. We're so powerful in the water. I can barely stand it. If I was not on the swim team I would petrified by their sheer size."

J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Brian Fiske '03 glides through the water during Andover's win over NMH.

Gavin Kuangparichat '03 was up next in the 100 breaststroke and absolutely slammed his heat. Kuangparichat won the race easily and is already thinking ahead to the meet tomorrow, saying "We've had couple of blowout meets to start the season so the important thing for us is to stay focused and not become complacent. We have a long way to go to get where we want to be by the end of the season. Deerfield is going to be very tough this Saturday, so we're going to have to win the close races to come out on top."

The meet tomorrow, which is home and at 3:30, will probably be one of the hardest meets in the guys' season. Along with Exeter and Choate, Deerfield is consistently strong in the pool and should challenge the Big Blue. However, Paull Randt '04 is quite optimistic, and, in a rather Zen moment said, "I hate to wax snobbish about the whole situation, but if we can wipe the floor with other teams as we did with NMH, then we are set for a very clean floor."

At any rate, the entire PA student body is expected to be out in full force to cheer on the swim team because, well, they're a bunch of manimals. But if that's not enticing enough of a reason for you, swim meets are co-ed and the girls' team takes no prisoners.

Big Blue Swimmers Top Hopkins; Win Every Single Event in Meet

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**124**
Hopkins	**61**

Notice that the Big Blue accumulated more than double the points than the Hopkins team. How does this happen you may ask? Well, Andover swept the entire meet. The PA men won every single event this weekend.

BOYS' SWIMMING

The Co-Captains of the team, Brian Fiske '03 and David Hill '03 both had outstanding meets. Hill managed to break the 50 second mark for the first time in the 100 freestyle with a new personal best time of 49.96. Due to Hopkins' weak line up, Coach Hugon allowed David to swim the 100 backstroke for the first time in his Andover career and Hill again impressed with a time of 59.21.

Fiske also had a good meet ,even by his high standards. The All-American swam his two favorite individual events, the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke. Unchallenged, he managed to push himself to decent times of 1:55.21 and 59.25 respectively. This is still not quite as fast as Fiske's personal best, which by the way is also a New England Prep School record, of 1:50.56.

Aaron Stroble '04 was also quite a presence at the meet. Though it is still debatable whether it was his sheer size, or just his funny hair, that scared the Hopkins boys into submission, it is undeniable that Stroble is going to be a huge contributor to the team later on in the season. Stroble won the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:56 and also managed to win the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:18.89. Also having a strong meet was fellow upper Tom Yeung '04. Yeung also swam the 200 and 500 freestyle and managed to place third and second respectively.

Regular distance dominator Tom Lesnick '05 was quite sick for the meet and did not swim his usual and grueling events. A true trooper as always, Lesnick contributed in the 100 fly, which he won with a time of 56.58. He also swam in the winning 200 IM and 400 freestyle relays.

JC MacMillan '03 took care of business in the diving competition. He scored 259 points which is his best total ever in a dual meet. MacMillan, modest as always, felt that he had received too high of a score, saying, "The judging for the diving was outrageous. I dove moderately and expected to score in the 220's somewhere. I was pretty shocked when they threw me a 9, it's the highest I've ever gotten. I ended up 8 points shy of the record at 254, beating the competitor by only .1."

Freshman phenomenon Jeff Zhou '06 was also blazing in the 50 freestyle, finishing with a speedy time of 23.16. He also swam the 100 backstroke, his specialty, at an unchallenged 56.40.

Co-captain Fiske said excitedly, "We have a lot of guys with the potential to score at Interschols, so I wouldn't be surprised if we went undefeated and won the whole thing!"

However, according to Coach Hugon, the boys aren't quite ready yet to assume the role of champions,"We swam very hard all week, and thus came into this meet not expecting to set any fast times. The fact that several of our swimmers recorded personal bests means that they are progressing fast. It probably also means I need to work them even harder in the next few weeks."

Boys Swimming Wins Tri-meet, Wrecking Suffield and Williston

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	74
Suffield	30
Andover	60
Williston	44

If you think about it, it was actually quite courteous of Suffield and Williston to agree to a tri-meet with Andover. With this double meet set up, the Big Blue did not have to waste two weekends traveling to Connecticut to stomp all over the poor Suffield and Williston teams. Going into the meet Coach Hugon had to rework the line up because, due to the format of the competition, each team was only allowed to have two entries per event.

From the very beginning of the meet, the Andover squad dominated like the true champions they are. Although the boys knew that neither Suffield nor Williston would be a challenge to defeat, the Boys in Blue still stood up and turned in some respectable performances. Starting the day off on a strong note was Tom Lesnick '05, Jeff Zhou '06, Dave Hill '03, and Paull Randt '04 in a powerful 200 medley relay that beat the rest of the field by over three seconds in a time of 1:44.47. Lesnick, who has been quite sick lately, then turned right around and swam the 200 freestyle. Though he put forth much effort, Lesnick was unable to hold off the Williston swimmer and touched second with a time of 1:53.36.

Another strong competitor at the meet was Co-captain Brian Fiske '03, who was also feeling under the weather. His first event was the 100 butterfly in which he absolutely wrecked the rest of the heat with a time of 54.86. Fiske also swam the 100 breaststroke and managed to break the twenty-one year old pool record with a time of 57.96. His time was also less than a second off of his New England Prep record which is a good sign – if he is swimming this fast mid-season he will most likely surpass his previous bests come championship time. Of his co-captain, Dave Hill '03 said, "Fiske proved himself a true manimal this weekend, crushing the pool record in the 100 breaststroke and winning the event with full seconds to spare, and all the while battling off a bad case of Shingles!"

Quick to give out praise, Hill also deserves recognition for his valiant effort in the 200 IM.

Continued on Page 10, Column 1

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Tom Lesnick '05 helps the Boys Swimming Team win the 200 Medley Relay, last Saturday.

Exeter Swimming Slips Past PA; Fiske '03 Takes Win in 200 Free

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter	108.5
Andover	83.5

BOYS' SWIMMING

Could the meet have been any more exciting? Both Andover and Exeter entered into the historic rivalry match-up with perfect records. The teams knew someone would have to go home with a loss.

In a heartbreaking decision, in which the Big Blue was shown up in numerous events, the Big Red went home with the victory. The Manimals, despite facing defeat, are definitely capable of redeeming themselves at Interschols.

The meet started off well with the 200 IM relay team of Jeff Zhou '06, Tom Lesnick '05, Co-captain Dave Hill '03, and Paull Randt '04 taking first place. However, Exeter's team, showing its depth, followed to take second and third place.

Co-captain Brian Fiske '03 continued the momentum alongside team mate Aaron Stroble '04 in the next event, the 200 free, in which the boys took first and third. This joint effort increased Andover's winning margin to 18-12.

Co-captain Hill, who was almost unable to make it back to school for the meet due to the weather, swam two of the closest and most disappointing races of the day. In his first event, the 200 IM, the Exeter swimmer seemed to stay centimeters ahead of Hill for the entire race, forcing Hill to settle for second. Hill was touched out by .23 seconds. In his next race, the 100 breaststroke, Hill was again bested by Exeter's Eric Horan '04.

Other strong performances were turned in by Lesnick, who looked especially strong in the 100 backstroke, turning in a winning time of 56.39. Also holding their own were Zhou and Stroble, who captured second and third place finishes respectively in their individual events.

The seniors on the team, for whom this was not only their last home meet, gave some of the strongest performances last Wednesday.

Diving Captain JC MacMillian '03 defeated the Exeter divers with a score of 252.45. Gavin Kuangparichat '03 gave a solid performance in the 200 free and the 100 fly.

Bryce Kaufman '03 should be commended for dropping four seconds in his 200 IM, clocking a personal best time of 2:11.39. Kaufman said, "I'm really excited about that swim. I think now that I may be able to go around a 2:08 at Interschols after tapering."

Eric Chung '03 and Peter Stetson '03 were also very influential as relay swimmers against Exeter.

Coach Hugon offered some more positive news about the Interschols meet when he explained that though Exeter may have won this dual meet, at Interschols other teams will be there to take away the depth points that fueled Exeter's victory.

In the next couple of weeks the boys will be focusing on technique, strategy, and getting pumped for their championships at Deerfield on March 1st where they are expected to tear up the pool.

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Tom Lesnick '05 swims to a ninth place finish in the 100 butterfly event at the New England Championships.

Big Blue Boys Swimming Places Fourth at Interschols

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Big Blue wave was fast and furious this past year. In 2003. the Andover Boy's Varsity Swim team swamped its competition en route to a 6-1 dual meet record and a fourth place team finish at Interschols. This impressive record is thanks in large part to the strong senior presence on the team.

The class of 2003, who will be missed for both their athletic abilities and incredible leadership, was led by Co-captains Brian Fiske '03 and David Hill '03 as well as seniors Bryce Kaufman, Gavin Kuangparichat, Eric Chung, Peter Stetson and diver JC MacMillan.

The dynamic duo of Fiske and Hill inspired the team this year. The two, who will be swimming at Harvard and Colgate next year respectively, led the team with strength, grace, and a passion for their sport. Fiske, the only All-American on the team, dominated in almost every event he swam. His intensity and dedication to swimming showed every time he got in the water. Hill also had an amazing season. He developed into a formidable opponent in both the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke.

Kuangparichat contributed to the Big Blue's success in both the butterfly events and also numerous relays. Chung was also very influential in the freestyle relays with his quick turnover and light stroke. Kaufman worked hard throughout the season and was rewarded with an impressive drop in his 200 IM at Interschols, finishing 12th in a competitive field. MacMillan was also solid all year long from the diving board. His domination on the plank helped the swim team out on many occasions.

Of his fellow seniors Fiske said, "It was an amazing season and I think we're all proud of what we've accomplished this year as a team." Echoing his Co-captain's sentiments Hill said, "I'm going to miss being a part of the team next year, but I think that the guys are ready and willing to step it up for the years to come."

Commenting on the season, and especially his seniors, Coach Jacques Hugon said, "I am very pleased with the overall performance of the team, with most of our swimmers recording personal best times, and the depth of our team, with many young swimmers stepping up and swimming fast in their first Interschols meet. Our 4th place finish is a fitting conclusion to a terrific dual meet season. Though we will be graduating an outstanding group of seniors, I can tell through our meets and practices that we have the depth of talent needed to continue our winning tradition for next year, and years to come."

SPORT: Girls Swimming

YEAR: 2002 - 2003

CAPTAIN: Sarah Demers

MANAGER: Brittany Kaiser '05
Alison Wheeler '05

COACH: Paul Murphy
Belinda Wolf
Ginger Fay

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD
1ST AT INTERSCHOLS

WON 8 LOST 0 TIED

Letter Winners

Heidi Adlman
Abbe Anderson
Emily Brenner
Mary Burris
Hee-Jin Chang
Kristina Chang
Krissy Conner
Liz Demers
SarahDemers
Alex Doty
Katie Faulkner
Alyssa Hill
Debby Kuhn
JacquelineLeBoutillier
Caroline Littlefield
Mari Ono
Kate Page
Margaret Ramsey
Janis Scanlon
Arielle Schmidt
Tess Scott
Kim Walker
Alison Wheeler
Tracey Zicherman

Girls Swimming

			PA	OPP
Sat. 1/11/2003	(A)	LOOMIS	win	
Sat. 1/18/2003	(A)	N.M.H.	win	
Sat. 1/25/2003	(H)	DEERFIELD	win	
Wed. 1/29/2003	(H)	BARRACUDAS (scrimmage)	loss	
Sat. 2/1/2003	(H)	HOPKINS	win	
Sat. 2/8/2003	(A)	SUFFIELD / WILLISTON	win	
Wed. 2/19/2003	(H)	EXETER	win	
Sun. 3/02/2003	(A)	INTERSCHOLASTICS	win	
Sun. 3/02/2003	(A)	DIVING GIRLS INTERSCHOLASTICS		

ANDOVER
Girls Swimming & Diving
2003

Heidi Adlman '04	Andover, MA
Abbe Anderson '03	Orinda, CA
Emily Brenner '06	Andover, MA
Mary Burris '05	Beloit, WI
Hee-Jin Chang '05	Seoul, Korea
Kristina Chang '04	Atherton, CA
Krissy Conner '03	Dalton, NH
Liz Demers '05	Andover, MA
Sarah Demers '03	Andover, MA
Alex Doty '05	Lunenburg, MA
Katie Faulkner '06	Homer, AK
Alyssa Hill '06	Prides Crossing, MA
Debby Kuhn '05	Ipswich, MA
Jacqueline LeBoutillier '04	Larchmont, NY
Caroline Littlefield '03	Hingham, MA
Mari Ono '03	Hilo, HI
Kate Page '04	Salem, NH
Margaret Ramsey '03	Belmont, MA
Janis Scanlon '03	Andover, MA
Arielle Schmidt '03	Burr Ridge, IL
Tess Scott '06	Andover, MA
Kim Walker '03	Marblehead, MA
Tracey Zicherman '03	Swampscott, MA

Coaches:
Paul Murphy
Belinda Wolf
Ginger Fay

Managers:
6751 Brittany Kaiser '05, Lincolnwood, IL
6955 Alison Wheeler '05 Newton, MA

1/25/03 Blue Outraces Green In Girls' Swimming Showdown

The Andover girls continued their winning streak by beating Deerfield Saturday 113-73. The strong Deerfield team was a real match for the Swimmin Women, and the meet included many fine swims and great diving. The Andover team came out early going 1,2 in the Medley Relay. In the 200 Free, Hee-Jin Chang '05 grabbed a new school and pool record with a time of 1:54.09. A real nail-biter in the 200 IM caught the attention of everyone in the pool, as PA captain Sarah Demers '03 and Liz Berger from Deerfield tied for first with Demers setting a personal record of 2:14.70. Freshman phenom Emily Brenner took second in the 50 free with a time of 26.26. In diving, the Blue was again strong with Janis Scanlon '03 and Jacqui LeBoutillier '04 catching first and second while freshman great Tess Scott battled to a 5th place finish. Alex Doty '05 added another first to her belt in the 100 Fly with a time of 59.10 while Margaret Ramsey '03 made her fly debut after a serious injury last summer with a time of 1:01.00. Hee Jin posted a first place in the 100 Free (51.65) while Kate Page '04 came in second with 56.16. Freshman Katie Faulkner battled Hope Chapman of Deerfield for a second place finish in the 500 (5:19.36 and 5:20.44) while Krissy Conner '03 beat her own personal best by 2 seconds with a time of 6:45.85.

In a meet with many highlights, one of the brightest came with the posting of a new school record in the 200 Free Relay. The team of Sarah Demers, Kim Walker '03, Margaret Ramsey, and Hee-Jin Chang swam a blinding 1:40.28. This team is now within reach of the New England Record of 1:39.37. Alex Doty '05 won the 100 Back in a time of 1:02.58 while Liz Demers '05 and Kim Walker went 1, 2 in the Breastroke. A fine 400 Free Relay of 3:41.77 capped off victorious day for the Big Blue. Big meets this week with NE Barracudas on Wednesday and Hopkins on Saturday. Hat off to the talented Deerfield squad for a strong day in the water.

Lady Swimmers Win Big; Big Blue Slams Hoggers

by Brittany Kaiser
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**132**
NMH	**54**

The Lady Blue dominates in the pool. The Andover squad has not lost an event yet, taking victories in every event for the second weekend in a row. Having tallied two in the W column thus far, the Big Blue looks to be unbeatable. Even though last Saturday's meet against Northfield Mount Hermon proved to be an easy win for the Andover squad, the girls still have a lot of work to do.

GIRLS' SWIMMING

Last Saturday, PA's Varsity swimming and diving team made the trek to NMH to face off against the Hoggers. After a long two-hour bus ride, the team jumped right in to begin warming up. Coming off of a successful meet against Loomis, the girls were more than excited for their first meet in a 25 yard pool.

The morning could not have started out better with a win in the 200 medley relay. The team of Mary Burris '05, Alyssa Hill '06, Margaret Ramsey '03, and Hee-jin Chang '05 finished with an impressive time of 1:59.28. Andover's second seed in the event was disqualified after one of the members in the relay false started. PA's other seed finished strong to round out the top three.

After a disappointing relay disqualification, Kate Page '04 was right back in the water, dominating as usual. Page, the school record holder in the 200 freestyle, took the event easily with a time of 2:00.75. She was followed closely, however, by junior sensation Katie Faulkner '06 who touched the pad a mere two seconds later. Faulkner finished with her nearest competition over five seconds behind her. Page and Faulkner certainly left their competition in the dust.

The Demers duo of captain Sarah '03 and younger sister Liz '05 drowned the competition in the 200 individual medley. Sarah finished first with a time of 2:16.21, with Liz finishing second three seconds later. The Demers' nearest competition was over ten seconds behind them.

Swimming her specialty event for the first time this season Chang '05 finished more than a body length ahead of the second place finisher. Although Chang '05 easily took the event, her time of 24.18 is still a second off her shaved and tapered time from last March. This simply goes to show that even Andover's best still has some training to do before Interschols rolls around. Emily Brenner '06 lost a close race to Hoggers' Stevenson to take third for the event. By the end of the first half, Andover had a commanding 42-20 lead.

The diving divas proved that the swimmers were not the only ones improving. Captain Janis Scanlon '03 scored a 206.5, taking first place by over thirty points and bettering her score from last weekend by seven points. Jackie LeBoutillier '04 took second place with a score of 174.3, almost thirty points better than her score from the Loomis meet. Skilled freshman Liz Finnegan '06 rounded out the Andover diving trio with a fourth place finish. Finnegan, who recently injured her tailbone, hopes to quickly recover in time for this weekend's home meet.

Demers '03 took her second win of the morning in the 100 fly. Faulkner and Mari Ono '03 took second and third place respectively, to give Andover its first sweep of the day. PG Ramsey took the next event with a blazing time of 55.99 followed closely by Alex Doty '05.

The Big Blue took their fourth 1-2 in the 500 freestyle with Chang '05 taking the win and Kim Walker '03 finishing second. A gutsy performance by Abbe Anderson '03 was rewarded with a fifth place finish. The second relay of the morning, the 200 freestyle relay, was won by a team of the Demers '03, Demers '05, Doty, and Ramsey.

Page continued her winning streak in the 100 back where she took the win to finish with a time of 1:02.48. The 100 breaststroke rounded out the day's individual events. Demers '05 took the victory touching in at 1:10.89. Anderson, recovered from her 500 free, took third with a lifetime best of 1:22.20. Varsity newcomer Heidi Adlman '04 followed Anderson closely to take fourth in the event.

The last race of the day turned out to be the most competitive. Doty was on the relay team with Chang '05, Demers '03, and Ono. These girls were pit against the foursome of Faulkner, Page, Walker, and Ramsey. Right before the beginning of this 400 free relay, tension was mounting between the two teams. In the end it was the team of Faulkner, Page, Walker, and Ramsey that took the last victory of the day.

ANDOVER WAVE WHITEWASHES HOPKINS GIRLS

by Brittany Kaiser
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	106
Hopkins	80

The hours of training all led up to this one day, this one race: Hopkins.

GIRLS' SWIMMING

Andover's Swimming Women had done a mini-taper so that their bodies would be rested and ready to speed past the competition. Coach Paul Murphy's plan of a perfect day had gone awry when, only days before the meet, he found that four swimmers were going to be unable to compete.

The day started on a sour note, as Murphy's plan to split the A and B relays (so that the squad could go 1-2 and take the maximum amount of points) failed. Murphy figured this would not be a problem seeing that Hopkins usually only fields fast freestylers. Hopkins, however, stacked their first relay with their fastest swimmers, and by the end of the third leg of the relay, Andover held a slight lead. The Big Blue's Tracey Zicherman '03 faced off against Kristen Skroski '04 of Hopkins, one of New England's fastest distance freestylers. The relentless Skroski sped past Zicherman, despite her best efforts, to take the win. Andover's second relay placed third, still leaving the Blue trailed 6-8 at the end of the first event.

Hopkins continued to dominate taking the 1-3-5 spots in the 200 freestyle. Although junior sensation Katie Faulkner '06 gave it her all, she was unable to catch Hopkin's Megan Loock '04, last season's third place finisher at Interschols. Despite finishing second, Faulkner had a great race, touching in under two minutes for the first time this season.

As hard as the girls tried, they still could not secure a first place in the 200 individual medley, giving Hopkins their third consecu-

Continued on Page B2, Column 5

Demers Duo Seals Victory; Faulkner '06 Takes 500 FR

Continued from Page B1, Column 4

tive win. Kim Walker '03 and Captain Sarah Demers '03 tried to catch Hopkin's A. Tichey but were unable to do so. The senior pair grabbed second and third, leaving the score at a disheartening 19-27.

As soon as the meet was starting to look gloomy, Hee-jin Chang '05 smashed into first place in the 50 free, beating the fastest Hopkins swimmer by almost two seconds. By the end of the first half, the girls trailed their Hopkins competitors by a whopping six points. The PA squad, resilient as always, stepped it up in the second half to bring home yet another win for the Big Blue.

Taking a break from the dim first half, the girls were ready to see what the diving divas could do to Hopkins. The divers really pulled through evening out the score by placing first, second and fifth. Captain Janis Scanlon '03 came in with an amazing score of 234.25. Much to her disappointment, Scanlon only missed the pool record by one point! Making her debut in second place was impressive newcomer Liz Finnegan '06. Usual star Jackie Leboutillier '04 was extremely ill and unable to compete. Had she been there, the Big Blue would have swept the event.

Opening up the afternoon with another win was Alex Doty '05 in the 100 fly. To tally her second win of the day, Chang '05 won the 100 free with a time of 52.22. PG Margaret Ramsey '03 took third in the event.

Faulkner, who had narrowly missed a win in the 200 free, dominated the 500 free, winning it by over six seconds. Faulkner, who came in at a time of 5:19.91, lifted the spirits of the team, keeping PA in the lead. Faulkner's gusty performances in the most grueling events, the 200 and 500, prove her commitment to the team. Battling it out for fourth were Hopkin's star water polo player McHugh and Kristina Chang '04. Neck to neck for the first sixteen laps, McHugh pulled away and took the fourth place.

Next up was the 200 free relay, which turned out to be the turning point for the meet. The relay team of Demers '03, Kate Page '04, Walker, and Ramsey won the event by a hair, with a time of 1:42.39. For her second win of the afternoon, Doty splashed into first in the 100 back, in barely over a minute.

It was the Demers duo, however, that secured the win, taking first and second in the 100 breast. Captain Demers '03 came in a mere two milliseconds before younger sister Demers '05. Walker also came in fourth to push the girls over the ninety three point mark, the minimum amount of points a team needs to win a meet. The girls concluded the meet with a 1-3 finish in the 400 freestyle relay.

In the words of Mari Ono '03, "The Hopkins girls made up an incredibly strong team and for the first half of the meet, they had all of us sweating. However, after diving and our stacked second half, I think it was quite clear which team was the superior. We're all looking forward to some grueling practices so we can go to Interschols, beat Hopkins out again, and take another year as the New England Champions."

Girls Swimming Smash Suffield Pool Record in 400 Free Relay

by Brittany Kaiser
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	68
Suffield	34
Andover	74
Williston	28

Seventeen days. The end of the season for the PA Swimmin' women is fast approaching. With only one more meet in their regular season, the Lady Blue remain undefeated, having taken the win last weekend in their tri-meet with Williston, Northampton, and Suffield. Even with Captain Sarah Demers '03 sick, the team managed to demolish both their competitors, taking blue ribbons in ten out of the twelve events.

Girls' Swimming

In the first event of the day, the 200 medley relay, neither competitor came close to catching the Blue wave. Keeping the excitement alive was Margaret Ramsey '03, taking first in the 200 freestyle. Ramsey finished almost a half of a lap ahead of the event's second place finisher, Emma Stillman '05 of Suffield. As if the day was not good enough, Hee-Jin Chang '05 took a stylish first in the 200 IM, touching in about 14 seconds ahead of any other competitor! Alyssa Hill '06 also had a good race, taking third place.

The diving divas were really put to the test last Saturday, as they faced Williston's Condon, one of the best divers in New England. Captain Janis Scanlon '03, who has been undefeated all season, seemed to be nervous as the diving began. Scanlon gave it her all but still fell to Condon by a heartbreaking 3.15 points. Newcomer Tess Scott '06 was able to brighten the diving freak by scoring a season best of 151.5.

The girls could not wait to dive in for the second half of the meet. Alex Doty '05 and Liz Demers '05 started the second half with a bang, taking a 1-2 in the 100 fly. Ramsey continued the Swimmin' Women's momentum, taking her second win of the day in the 100 freestyle. Alaskan sensation Katie Faulkner '06 and Kate Page '04 swam into a 5:20.46 and 5:26.75 respectively. The duo took Andover's second 1-2 of the day.

After taking victory in the 200 freestyle relay, Doty took her second win of the day in the 100 backstroke. Continuing the winning streak was Elizabeth Demers '05 in the 100 breast, followed by another victory in the 400 free relay. The team of Walker, Page, Ramsey, and Chang '05 finished the day on a good note by setting a pool record at 3.45.50.

The Swimmin' Women look forward to facing the Exies and continuing training for March 2nd's interscholastic meet. Though the girls pulled off another victory, this does not mean that training will get any easier.

If the girls continue at the rate that they are going, they should have no problem keeping their title. It looks like Gladys, their trophy from the 2002 meet, will have a friend to join her in a few weeks.

Andover Girls Swimming Races Past Exies; Scanlon '03 Sets New Pool Diving Record

by Brittany Kaiser
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	127
Exeter	59

Not even the dreaded Big Red Swimmers of Exeter, the second best team in New England last year, could stop the Big Blue wave. After emerging victorious at last Wednesday's meet against Exeter, the Girls Varsity Swim team closed out their regular season undefeated.

The season could not have ended better, with Korean sensation Hee-jin Chang '05 setting an Andover/Exeter record in the 200 freestyle. Chang '05 also anchored the record breaking 200 freestyle relay. Kim Walker '03, Margaret Ramsey '03, and Captain Sarah Demers '03 joined Chang '05 in the record breaking effort. Finishing with a time of 1:40.18, the girls broke the school, pool, and Andover/Exeter record for the event.

To add to Andover' s amazing day, four year varsity diver, Captain Janis Scanlon '03 turned in the performance of her career, breaking Andover's old pool record and besting 2002 New England Champion of Exeter, Emily Kennedy '03.

The Andover Ladies took blue ribbons in every event, crushing Exeter with a final score of 127-59.

Captain Demers '03 was more than pleased with the team's performance and the outcome of the meet, saying, "Andover/Exeter is always a big meet for us, and it is sometimes tough to get geared up for Wednesday meets, but we used each other and worked with each other to get pumped and we really took it to them from beginning to end.

"It was an awesome way to wrap up the end of the dual meet season and now our focus will be getting ready and psyched for next weekends meet. This is a big boost of confidence for us, and I hope we can ride that wave right through Interschols."

The day could not have started out better, with PA's relay teams taking first and second in the 200 medley relay. Continuing the momentum in the 200 freestyle, Chang '05 touched in at an impressive 1:54.83, thirteen seconds ahead of Exie Captain Sarah Ridgeway '03. Following Chang '05 was Ramsey who, although she just missed the two-minute mark, turned in a swim good enough for second place.

In the 200 individual medley, Captain Demers '03 stepped it up, touching in at 2:17.63, to take first in the event.

The 50 freestyle was a thriller, with the Big Blue taking a 1-2-4 finish. Finally breaking the 26 second barrier, Tracey Zicherman '03 took a blue ribbon in the event. Zicherman was followed closely by Emily Brenner '06 and Kristina Chang '04.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Katie Faulkner '06 powers past her competition to take a blue ribbon in the grueling 500 freestyle.

The Diving Divas came ready to rock the pool deck. Stepping up to the board first was Scanlon, competing for the last time on her home board.

Exeter brought with them Maine sensation Kennedy, the best diver in New England. Scanlon took Kennedy down, hitting every dive with precision, finishing with a score of 246.9.

In the 100 butterfly, Alex Doty '05 and Liz Demers '05 placed first and second respectively.

Once again Chang '05 amazed the crowd , taking her second win of the day in the 100 freestyle. PG Ramsey pulled into second with a speedy 55. Next up was the grueling 500 freestyle, which was swum by Katie Faulkner '06 and Kate Page '04.

The group of Demers '03, Walker, Ramsey, and Chang '05 pushed the old record aside and replaced it with an impressive time of 1:40.18. Not only was this a school and A/E record, but it pushed the girls score up to 95 points, sealing the Big Blue's victory.

With star Chang '05 potentially out for the rest of the season with a back injury, the team looks to ready themselves for Interschols. The question still remains: Can the Big Blue defend their title?

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Captain Sarah Demers '03 swims butterfly in the third leg of the 200 Medley Relay to power the Girls Swim team to a first place finish at Interschols.

Lady Blue Swimming Defends NE Title in Undefeated Season

by Brittany Kaiser
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Every team strives for a perfect season, but achieving one is nearly impossible. The Ladies of Andover Swimming, however, accomplished the unthinkable, swimming to an undefeated regular season and taking first place at Interschols.

Captain Sarah Demers '03 could not have been more pleased with the season, reflecting, "It is really hard to come off a winning season. The team has to want to be mentally, physically, and emotionally stronger and better than it was before. We were expected to live up to something, and I can safely say that [this year's squad] lived up to all the achievements of the 2002 season."

The 2003 season started out on a high note with an easy win against the Loomis-Chaffee Pelicans. The next week, the Big Blue came home with an easy 132-54 win against the NMH Hoggers.

The team's first real challenge arose in the season's third week, when Deerfield came down to Andover for a heated meet. The Blue knew that DA would be a formidable challenge, as the Big Green also held an undefeated season mark. The Lady Blue rose to the challenge, downing the Green, 113-73. In the 200 free, Hee-jin Chang '05 clocked in at 1:54.09, [illegible]ting a pool and school record. Later, in the 200 free relay, Captain Sarah Demers '03, PG Margaret Ramsey '03, Kim Walker '03, and Chang '05 touched in first at 1:40.28, setting a new school record.

The next Saturday, the Hopkins Hilltoppers, the eventual 2003 Interschols bridesmaids, came down to Blue territory for Andover's most anticipated meet of the winter season. After a failed attempt to split the 200 Medley Relay to take 1-2, PA regained its usual winning pace to come through with a well-earned victory. The Blue followed up this win with a trimeet victory against Williston and Suffield.

In the season's last dual meet, the Andover Ladies massacred the Big Red. In the 200 free, Chang '05 finished with a speedy time of 1:54.83, setting a new Andover/Exeter record. Just two events later, Diving Captain Janis Scanlon '03 set a new pool record with a score of 246.9. In the 200 free relay, Demers '03, Kim Walker '03, Margaret Ramsey '03, and Chang '05 swam to a blazing time of 1:40.18, breaking the school, Andover/Exeter, and pool records. PA now holds 11 of the 12 A/E records.

Going into the Championship undefeated, the girls were confident that they could defend their title, and they did just that. Assistant Coach Ginger Fay said, "I could not be prouder of this team, not so much for that they won the Championship, but for how they did it. They really pulled together as a group, cheering each other through injuries, personal disappointments and some frustrating swims to come out on top. From the moment Alex Doty pulled away from her nearest competition in the 100 Medley Relay, an event we did not expect to win, that Sunday was just magical and I felt honored to be a part of it."

Both *The Lawrence Eagle-Tribune* and *The Boston Globe* rewarded Andover's swimmers and coaches for their 2003 effort. Paul Murphy '84 was named the swimming coach of the year for *The Eagle-Tribune*, with the paper naming Page and Demers '03 All-Stars, and Demers '05 was named an honorable mention athlete.

Chang '05 won a spot as a *Boston Globe* All-Scholastic swimmer, and PA's relay teams received scholastic honorable mentions accolades from the paper as well.

The girls look forward to next year and the victories another season on the pool deck will bring. Kate Page '04, elected as next year's Captain, will lead the girls to what will be undeniably yet another successful winter for PA's Swimming Ladies.

Summing up the season and looking to 2004, Captain-elect Page commented, "The strong bond of unity in and out of the pool on our team contributes to the overall success of the Swimmin' Women and provides a foundation for our earned place at the top of the New England Prep School Swimming Association. I hope to carry this success into the next season with the other seven returners on the squad."

SPORT: Boys Indoor Track

YEAR: 2002 - 2003

CAPTAIN: Peter Chiu

MANAGER:

COACH: Corbin Lang

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

Lou Bernieri Co-Head/Shot Put
Ralph Bledsoe Shot Put
Jon Stableford Distance
Chin Jou Distance
David Callum Sprints
Pam Boehm Long Jump/Sprints
Yasmine Allen High Jump/Sprints
Dick Collins Hurdles

SEASON RECORD

WON 5 LOST 0 TIED

Letter Winners

Khwaja Ahmed
Richard Besen
Piotr Brzezinski
Peter Chiu
David Coit
Kojo Degraft-Hanson
Alexander Dent
Chris Donais
Stephen Draheim
Abhinay Eswarappa
James Feigenbaum
Oshea Galan
Jonathan Hillman
Gordon Hoople
Weston Howe
Chimaobi Izeogu
Frederick Johnson
Matthew Kane
Adam Kapor
Anwell Lanfranco
Chris Lanterman
Jon Lanterman
Justin Loffredo
Matthew Longley
Chris Lynch
John McCallum
Andrew McManus
Eric Mitzenmacher
Viraj Navkal
Martin Quinones
Lee Rattigan
Parker Schwartz
Jesse Seegers
Daniel Serna
David Sheldon
Jonathan Weigel
Clement Wood

Boys Indoor Track

			PA	OPP
Sat. 1/11/2003	(A)	DARTMOUTH	10:00	
Wed. 1/15/2003	(H)	NORTH ANDOVER/ LAWRENCE HS		
			PA 76.5	
			Law 25.5	
			N. And 16	
Sat. 1/18/2003	(A)	YALE INVITATIONAL	10:00	
Sun. 1/19/2003	(H)	HARVARD		
Sat. 1/25/2003	(A)	ANDOVER HS	2:00	
Wed. 1/29/2003	(H)	TEWKSBURY HS	3:30	
Sat. 2/1/2003	(A)	WHEATON INVITATIONAL	9:00	
Wed. 2/5/2003	(H)	LYNNFIELD/MASCO	3:30	
Sat. 2/8/2003	(H)	CHELMSFORD HS	1:30	
Wed. 2/12/2003	(H)	TBA	3:30	
Wed. 2/19/2003	(A)	EXETER	2:30	
Sat. 2/22/2003	(A)	MAINE USATF	12:00	

1/19/03 Track and Field Standouts Travel To Harvard
On Sunday, January 19th, PA competed at the 2003 Greater Boston Track Club Invitational at Harvard University's Gordon Indoor Track Facility. Below is a list of results for Andover entries.

Girls:

* Katie Dlesk, 400m 58.93, 3rd place trials (out of 27); 58.57, 2nd place finals
* Jackie Latina, 60m, 8.44, 20th trials (out of 33); 200m, 27.49, 27th trials (out of 53)
* Anne Riordan, 60m HH; 10.07, 11th trials (out of 19); 200m, 27.91, 31st trials (out of 53)
* Courtney McBride, 200m, 28.45, 37th trials (out of 53)
* Erin O'Hern, SP, 9.31m, 30' 06.50", 13th (out of 22)
* Hoppy Maffione, 3000m, 11:56.13, 38th unseeded (out of 45)
* Lizzy Frazer, mile, 5:45.06, 20th unseeded (out of 44)
* Alison Murphy, mile, 6:16.11, 38th unseeded (out of 44)
* 4x220yd Relay, 1st (out of 6), 1:49.03, Courtney McBride, Anne Riordan, Jackie Latina, Katie Dlesk

Boys:

* Peter Chiu, LJ, 5.91m, 19' 04.75", 7th finals (out of 17)
* Matt Longley, 400m, 59.17, 55th trials (out of 57th)
* Chris Donais, 3000m, 9:56.11, 41st unseeded (out of 52)
* JJ Feigenbaum, 3000m, 10:19.85, 46th unseeded
* John Freker, mile, 4:50.91, 40th unseeded (out of 58)
* Wes Howe, mile, 5:13.12, 56th unseeded
* Adam Kapor, mile, 4:50.76, 39th unseeded
* Chris Lanterman, mile, 4:56.72, 45th unseeded
* Dan Serna, mile, 5:02.43, 49th unseeded
* Jon Weigel, mile, 5:03,23, 50th unseeded
* O'Shea Galan, 60m, 7.32, 23rd trials (out of 45); 200m, 24.48, 31st trials (out of 50)
* Martin Quinones, LJ, 5.38m, 17' 08.00, 15th trials (out of 17); 200m, 25.75, 46th trials (out of 50)
* Lee Rattigan, 60m, 7.24, 19th trials (out of 45); 200m, 23.70, 19th trials (out of 50)
* David Sheldon, LJ, 5.69m, 18' 08.00, 11th trials (out of 17); 60m, 7.52, 33rd trials (out of 45); 200m, 24.37, 26th trials (out of 50)
* 4x880yd Relay, 8th (out of 9), 8:29.92
  Piotr Brzezinski, Jon Hillman, Chimaobi Izeogu, Adam Kapor
* 4x440yd Relay, 14th (out of 14), 3:49.67
  Lee Rattigan, 54.9; Dan Serna, 59.1; Martin Quinones, 60.3; David Sheldon, 55.

With Strong Time Trials, Track Looks to Dartmouth

by Jon Hillman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

After the energy the Andover Boys' Track Team expended at time trials, it is a wonder that the team could manage to take their exams the following week.

The drive and intensity the team showed the in last year's undefeated season, is clearly present in this years squad. As they cheered each other on during time trials conducted on December 6th returning distance runner Wes Howe commented, "I never really had doubts, but we definitely have proved that we are coming together as a team."

Urged on by teammates, Jack McCallum '03 ran a 4:51 mile, setting the pace for what looks to be a promising season. McCallum, surprisingly lively after punishing himself on the track, remarked, "Wow, that felt good." McCallum will be gearing up to run the two-mile with Chris Donais '05 at the Dartmouth Relays. JJ Feigenbaum '04, John Freker '04, John Weigel '05 and Dan Serna '04 will all run the mile at Dartmouth, tomorrow.

Chimaobi "George" Izeogu '03, this year's captain of the outdoor track team, pushed fellow distance runner and 1000 yard specialist Piotr Brzezinski '03 in the thousand to a time of 2:37 for both runners. Brzezinski was able to edge Izeogu out by only fractions of a second. Both Izeago and Brzezinski will be running the two-mile relay (4 x 800) along with Josh Wolfe '04 and Adam Kapor '04.

In the 600, returning for his third year of indoor track, Kapor ran fast, as he always seems to do. Unchallenged, and yet unfazed, Kapor finished his race in 1:23, a fast time that he hopes to improve on in the coming weeks. Kapor will also be running the straight 800 at the Dartmouth Relays.

Wolfe did not run in the time trial, as he is taking some time off after a successful cross-country season and a race at the Foot Locker 2002 North-East Regional (an elite cross-country race). In addition to the 4x800 relay, Wolfe will be running in the "elite" mile run at Dartmouth. Wolfe looks forward to matching up with many of the regions top milers, including Harry Norton of Exeter. Though Norton took advantage of Wolfe's poor performance at XC Interschols, Wolfe beat Norton the other two times the duo faced off in cross country. Wolfe knows, however, that track is a whole different ballgame.

Sprinters O'Shea Galan '04 and David Sheldon '04 ran blazing-fast 50-yard times of 5.6 and 5.7, respectively, but neither could match post graduate Lee Rattigan '03. Rattigan won the trial in 5.6. Sheldon also jumped 19' 6" in the long jump, but did not participate in the 300-yard dash, an event in which he excels. Sheldon will have a busy track season, running two events and jumping in a third, but big things have been expected of David since his big frosh season two years ago. Gordon Hoople '04 and Cotton Harold '04 both ran quick 300-yard race, taking advantage of Sheldon's absence to go one-two in the race.

Captain Peter Chiu '03 leaped 20'3", a distance that could easily take first in a real dual meet, especially this early in the season. "Chiu's leadership thus far in the season has propelled the boys to their current state. We know his guidance will help us along in the season," said teammate Feigenbaum.

Key shot putters Anwell Lanfranco '04 and Uzoma Iheagwara '04 were both nursing injuries at the time of the trial. Lanfranco threw for 44'11" last year, and Iheagwara tossed a 40-footer. Both athletes are expected to improve on their personal bests from last year and help Andover in on-coming meets. Lanfranco joins the runners as the lone thrower at Dartmouth.

That select team of athletes will represent Andover this Saturday in the Dartmouth Relays, where they will square off against other high school teams from mainly the northeast, a few smaller colleges and even one or two Canadian teams.

"The guys' team looks very strong this year, and hopefully they'll be able to keep up with the girls, who've been undefeated for the past two years," says Courtney McBride '03. "They appear to have great depth across the events."

The team awaits a test at Dartmouth and a solid dual meet season.

Boys Track Tests Waters At Harvard Invitational

by Jon Hillman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

It is not every day that Andover students get a chance to compete against, and also defeat, the college athletes that they are training to become. This past Sunday, at Harvard University, the Boys' Track Team did just that. While others might have been easily intimidated, Andover's track team, the only high school team in attendance, was eager to see how they stacked up against the big boys.

Unfazed by the prospect of competing against far more experienced runners, Andover's distance team definitely showed up at Harvard to do one thing. Compete. The largest group of Andover athletes ran in heat 2 of the men's one mile run. Adam Kapor '04 led the way with a 4:50.76, finishing in 17th place. John Freker '04 finished right on his heels with a time of 4:50.91 and 18th place. Chris Lanterman '03 placed 23rd with a time of 4:56.72. Lanterman was the third Andover runner to break five minutes in the mile. Dan Serna '04 and John Weigel '05 also finished within the top 30. Weston Howe '05 rounded off an impressive distance team performance by placing 34th and beating out two students from Hartwick College by more than 14 seconds. J.J. Feigenbaum '04 and Chris Donais '05 found themselves in the longest event of the day, the 3000 meters. Donais finished with an impressive time of 9:56. Fighting off a cold, Feigenbaum managed to place just behind Donais, in front of numerous college runners.

The boys' 4 x 880 yards relay team of Kapor, Piotr Brzezinski '03, Chimaobi Izeogu '03, and Jon Hillman '05, ran in one of the hardest races of the day. Brzezinski ran the fastest split of the group with an impressive time of 2:01. At Dartmouth, the boys' 4 x 800 meter relay team ran a time of 8:25 to place 4th overall and earn Andover its only points of the meet. Running less than 5 seconds slower, with a time of 8:29, the 4 x 880 yards relay team placed 8th out of 9 teams. Had the Big Blue run the same time as they had at Dartmouth at the Harvard meet, the distance relay squad would have only improved their place by only one spot.

In an attempt to inspire his fellow teammates, Captain Peter Chiu '03 put on one of Andover's best performances of the day, finishing among the top long jumpers in the meet. In the first heat, Chiu jumped for 19' 4 1/4" in a dead tie for second. With his mark of 19' 4 1/4" Chiu tied for 7th overall. finishing just one spot short of qualifying for the finals. If Chiu had qualified and matched his first jump, he would have placed 6th overall.

Andover's utility man, David Sheldon '04 did triple duty for Andover, running the 60 meters and the 200 meters as well as participating in the long jump. Sheldon ran a respectable time of 7.52 seconds in the 60 and quick 24.37 for the 200 meters. As if that were not enough, Sheldon leaped for a mark of 18' 8" in the long jump.

Following Sheldon's example, every sprinter on the boys' team competed in at least two events, showcasing the versatility of Andover's sprinting squad. Lee Rattigan '03 led the sprinters with a blistering 7.24 in the 60 meters, taking fourth place in his heat, and a 200 meters time of 23.70 seconds. O'Shea Galan '04 followed with a 60 meter time of 7.32. Galan also ran the 200 meters in 24.48 to earn third place in his heat.

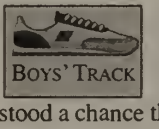
Despite the overpowering number of significantly older athletes, Andover still made its presence known. In heat 4 of the 200 meter preliminaries, Andover sprinters Rattigan, Sheldon, and Martin Quinones '04 finished second, third, and fourth, in that order. Quinones also jumped for a mark of 17' 08". Matt Longley '03 improved on his already quick 400 meter time from last meet's Dartmouth invitational. The boys' 4 x 440 yards relay team of Rattigan, Sheldon, Serna and Quinones ran a respectable time of 3:49.67, but still placed last overall. In the end, Andover was well represented and the Big Blue proved capable of competing at an elite level. Now having run on Harvard's top of the line track against more developed athletes, the Andover tracksters will look to use their newly gained experience against Andover High School this Saturday.

PA BOYS TRACK TAKES TRI-MEET; SHELDON STARS

by Jon Hillman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	70
Masconomet	30
Lynnfield	18

Domination is the first word that comes to mind when one thinks of Big Blue Boys' Track. Neither Lynnfield nor Masconomet stood a chance this week. The boys ran their foes down, to the tune of a 70 to 30 to 18 beating.



David Sheldon '04 highlighted the meet, tying the 300-yard Upper-class record with a time of 34.7 seconds. Sprints coach David Callum '93 and Lewis Brown '98, will now be forced to share the record with Sheldon. O'Shea Galan '04 also placed, with a time of 35.9 seconds, fast enough for third.

In the mile, Piotr Brzezinski '03 took first place with a time of 4:51.6. Brzezinski, usually a 1000 yard runner, has finished in first place both times he has run the mile this season. John Freker '04 followed close behind Masconomet's second place runner, taking fourth place for Andover. Brzezinski returned in the most exciting race of the day, winning the 1000-yard run for Andover. A Masconomet rimmer

Continued on Page B6, Column 3

Boys Track Remains Undefeated With Win

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

passed Brzezinski with just two laps to go, but he kept focused and stuck close. On the final straightaway, with just yards to go Brzezinski out-kicked the Masconomet runner, edging him out by a tenth of a second, finishing in 2:28.5. As he showed at the Andover High meet, Brzezinski flourishes when challenged by another runner. Adam Kapor '04 finished third for Andover in the 1000 yards with a time of 2:33.4. Kapor was tired, as, moments before, he won the 600 yard run. Andover came close to a sweep in the event, but fell one man short. Kapor took care of business with a time of 1:12.4 to win the event

Andover's long jumpers proved themselves to be superior by taking first through fourth, making the long jump the only event swept at the meet. Sheldon took first place, leaping for a mark of 19' 9 1/4". Captain Peter Chiu placed second with a jump of 19' 3". Marty Quinones '04 and Chris Lynch '04 followed in third and fourth.

In the 50-yard dash, Sheldon and Galan finished first and second with quick times of 5.6 seconds and 5.7 seconds, respectively, dominating the event despite the absence of star sprinter PG Lee Rattigan. Galan returned as the only Andover high jumper to place, but his first place victory in the event gave Andover another 5 points.

In a final display of talent, Andover won the 4 x 400 relay with a time of 4:01.

When it was all said and done, Andover had nothing left to prove.

Boys Track Mile Relay Team

"Going into the race, they knew if they won the relay, we won the meet. They rose to the challenge like the champions they are."

—Coach Corbin Lang

by Wes Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

When the relay team toed the line last Saturday, the entire track team's fate was in their hands. The whole day had come down to these last minutes, when the men of the relay would give it their all to beat their opponents. Displaying stamina and strength which could not be beat, the boys clocked in at 3:50.5, a fraction of a second ahead of their opponents.

Lee Rattigan '03 held the first leg, followed by Chimaobi Izeogu '03 and Gordon Hoople '04. Adam Kapor '04 anchored the squad. Rattigan got out fast, and took the lead over Lowell early. Coming in after approximately 55.7 seconds his leg was very impressive. Coach Jon Stableford '63 remarked, "Rattigan's leg was fast and solid, and by handing off to Chimaobi ahead of his close competition from Lowell, he allowed Chimaobi to get out clean and fast." Izeogu held the lead well, fending off the strong runner behind him and gaining precious steps in the lead. Chris Donais '05 noted, "Chimaobi just powered it through, he looked focused throughout his leg and that focus translated into lots of support for the team."

After Izeogu's 58.1 second leg it was time for Hoople. He got off fast and started pounding hard, running an admirable 58.7 split. The time had come for the last handoff, and all went smoothly. Kapor was just yards ahead of his opponent and was able to keep a slim lead for the win. Stableford said "What can you say about Adam? Quite simply, he beat a faster runner by refusing to yield any ground when the Lowell runner caught up. The last half lap was all guts, and with a quarter lap to go, I knew Adam would hold off the challenge." Kapor remembered the final lap well, "I couldn't really hear on the last lap because the crowd was cheering with intensity. The Lowell guy picked it up, but I made it in faster."

Head coach Corbin Lang was blown away by the teams performance. "These guys have hearts like lions, roars like tigers, and feet like leopards. Going into the race, they knew that if they won the relay, we won the meet. They rose to the challenge like the champions they are."

The Boys in Blue knew the stakes, and they felt the pressure mount before the race. Izeogu, who will be captaining the spring track team, remembered the mentality before the race, "We had the right kind of attitude, and I think that's the way all of us felt. We knew the meet was on the line respectfully after captain Chiu's personalized pep talks), and we knew what had to be done. Determination can be a potent force at the end of a race, and like Anwell [Lanfranco '04] said, our legacy was on the line. We hadn't suffered from a defeat since Exeter two years ago."

The four members of the team have very different running specialties. Kapor and Izeogu are members of the varsity cross country squad. Rattigan is a sprinter specializing in the 55 and 100 meter dashes, while Hoople runs the hurdles. None of the runners see the 400 as their best race, but all acknowledge that it is one of the best events to run. Rattigan said "The relays are my favorite. Almost every time you run a relay and you are winning it is a great feeling. You get this amazing rush that you can only feel when you are running a relay."

The great performance of the team was an outstanding show of their training and fitness, the team has worked hard all season and that is why they were able to push it as hard as they did. Jon Hillman '05 commented, "These four guys are among the ones you see who push it the most in the workouts. In the distance speed pieces Kapor always takes it out quick, and Chimaobi is right on his tail. Lee and Gordon must work hard through the sprint drills, just look at their times, they're nasty."

Coach Stableford summed up the race and the winning meet well, saying "It's nice to win. It's even better to see athletes race well. This day they all did both."

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Boys Track Captain Peter Chiu '03 and Lee Rattigan '03 blaze their way to solid placings in the 50 yard dash, as the team squeaked out a victory over Lowell and Chelmsford on Saturday.

Boys in Blue Take a Close One, Beating Lowell With Relay Win

by Jon Hillman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	49
Lowell	47
Chelmsford	22

You could not have dreamed up a more exciting end to the boy's track meet last Saturday. Competing against Chelmsford High School and Lowell High School, Andover was tied with Lowell High School going into the last event, the 4 x 400 relay. As exciting as the relay race was, the meet could have been decided by any event. Andover put all the pieces together, with each runner, jumper and thrower combining for a huge victory.

BOYS' TRACK

Piotr Brzezinski '03 was Andover's first hero of the day, winning a tight mile. Brzezinski stuck behind a Lowell runner until about a quarter mile to go, when he decided to take the lead. He never looked back. Chris Donais '05, finished in a time of 4:50.6, about 8 seconds behind Brzezinski, to place third.

Both Lee Ratigan '03 and O'Shea Galan '04 did double duty on Saturday. Rattigan took first in the 50 with a time of 5.6 seconds and Galan followed in third. In the 300, Rattigan and Galan finished first and second with times of 35.6 and 35.7 seconds, respectively.

In the shot put, Anwell Lanfranco '04 was the only Andover thrower to place. Lanfranco's mark of 48' 2 1/2" put him at second place. Similarly, Captain Peter Chiu '03 was the only long jumper to place, leaping for nearly 20 feet to place third.

Andover's distance squad earned key points in the two mile run. In his first home meet of the year, Josh Wolfe '04 dominated the two mile. Wolfe went through the first mile in an unreal 4:40, finishing in a time of 10:08. Jack McCallum '03 and Donais both finished in 10:53, giving Andover 1st, 3rd, and 4th places for the event.

In the 1000, the final event before the relay, Brzezinski and John Freker '04 placed first and fourth, respectively. Brzezinski finished in 2:32.3, edging out a runner from Chelmsford. By finishing in first and fourth, Brzezinski and Freker tied the score with Lowell at 44 points. All that remained was the relay. The winner of the race would decide the meet.

Rattigan took the first leg of the relay lengthening the distance between himself and Lowell's first runner throughout the race. Next up was Chimaobi Izeago '03, who kept himself ahead of Lowell's second runner for a full second leg of the relay, handing off to Gordon Hoople '04. Hoople also ran a quick 400, but as he handed off to Adam Kapor '04, it was evident that Lowell was closing in. With just yards between himself and Lowell's final runner, Kapor fought hard to hold him off. In the end, Kapor held on, clinching the victory for Andover. The boys finished in 3:50.3, just three tenths of a second faster that Lowell.

With a final score of 49 to 47 to 22, the boys extended their undefeated season and hope to carry their momentum into the season-ending meet with Exeter.

PA Track Travels to Exeter; Boys Return with a Victory

Continued from Page 12, Column 6

runner.

Running on a different sized track, with seemingly meaningless lap times, Chimaobi Izeogu '03 performed well in the 600. When the varsity pack was not moving fast enough, Izeogu was smart to move to the front. Fighting off a cold, Adam Kapor '04 joined Izeogu and an Exeter runner at the front and took the lead close to the one-minute mark. However, with a clear pacing advantage, the Exeter runner had saved enough energy to kick for the last 20 seconds of the race. Izeago picked it up on the final lap as well, finishing second. Kapor was able to hang on and finish third.

In the 1000, Brzezenski was the only varsity runner for Andover. He stuck with PEA's top 1000 runner for the nearly the whole race, but the Exie runner pulled away during the second to last lap of the race. Piotr kept his cool and was able to place second, far in front of his opponents.

Andover's domination continued in the 50-yard hurdles. Rich Besen '04 led an Andover hurdling sweep, as the three flew out at the gun and destroyed the competition.

A usually strong 300 yard dash group found the dirt track not so satisfying. O'Shea Galan was Andover's only athlete to place in the event. Galan's race was fast enough for third place.

The sprinters made up for their 300-yard dash performance with blazing quick 50-yard dash times. Galan led the pack, finishing first with a time of 5.801. Lee Rattigan '03 finished second.

In the high jump, 5'4" was enough for Galan to take his second blue ribbon of the day. Josh Barclay '05 and Hardt completed the sweep.

Chris Lanterman '03 surprised the Andover team with his second place in the two-mile, as Lanterman had not run much the past week, suffering from illness.

Going into the 4 x 400-yard relay, Andover had a clear lead and had locked up a final season win. A relay team of Kapor, Chris Lanterman, John Lanterman '03, and Izeogu closed the meet with a respectable relay. All ran quick splits, but the relay team finished just behind Exeter. However, the final win would not help Exeter much, as Andover left the building comfortably in the lead.

The season ending win over Exeter completed an undefeated season for the Boys Track team. What a season it was.

ANDOVER BOYS TRACK SPRINTS PAST RIVAL PEA

GALAN '04 WINS TWICE

Boys Finish Season With Sweet Victory At Phillips Exeter

by Jon Hillman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**64**
Exeter	**40**

The Boys track team, undefeated in the 2003 season, stepped onto the Exeter track this Wednesday and knew they could escape with a victory, despite the absence of several key runners. The Boys Track team has not lost a meet in two years. That last loss, however, was at the hands of the Big Red. The Boys in Blue refused to let that happen again.

Andover set the rhythm for the meet, taking control of the long jump, the first event. The varsity squad of David Sheldon '04, Alex Hardt '04 and Captain Peter Chiu '03 swept the long jump. Hardt had the furthest jump of the day with a mark of 20'4", and Chiu followed close behind in second place. Finally, Sheldon took third place, rounding off an impressive performance by the long jumpers.

In the mile, Piotr Brzezenski '03 put on another impressive showing. Brzezenski fought through a talented group of Exeter distance runners, sticking with the top two Exeter runners for the whole race. On the final lap, Brzezenski was in third place and with the two Exeter runners starting to kick, it looked as though he would stay there. However, in the final 15 yards, Piotr surged and overtook one Exeter runner. His final explosion put him just hundredths of a second behind the winning Exeter

Continued on Page 10, Column 4

Blue Track Races Past Colleges At USATF Harvard Invitational

by Jon Hillman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Big Blue Track team proved last weekend that they could dance with the big boys, as they took on several colleges, including Brown University, Wheaton College, Salem State, and Keene State, at the United States Association of Track and Field (USATF) invitational meet at Harvard University. Finishing off a season that was among the best in recent Andover history, both the Boys and Girls Track teams performed well enough in all events to make an impression on the field at the New England Indoor Championships.

The Andover distance runners turned out some of the best performances during the day. Among the many athletes that Andover was competing against were two runners that broke 4:06 for the men's mile. A miler from the U.S. Naval Academy and a runner from Brown University finished in 4:03 and 4:05, respectively. The competition was so fast that the top 30 runners cleared the 4:30 mark, with the top 14 all finishing under 4:20. The Blue truly had their competition set out for them last weekend.

Unaffected by the presence of these older athletes, John Lanterman '03 shattered his previous PR of 4:50, finishing with an impressive 4:47. Lanterman, placing 27th overall, was the first Andover runner to place in the mile among PA's group of six runners in the event. Donais finished close behind at 28th, also setting a new PR, with a time of 4:49.98. Finishing third for Andover and 31st overall was Jon Weigel '05, who also broke five minutes, crossing the line in 4:59.17. Dan Serna '04, Jon Hillman '05, and J.J. Feigenbaum '04 rounded off an impressive overall performance for Andover's distance squad.

After a disappointing loss against Phillips Exeter Academy the previous Wednesday, the Lady Blue managed to finish their season off on a stellar note with speedy runs in the invitational. In the women's one-mile run, Andover's Celia Alexander '04 and Alison Murphy '05 represented the girls' distance team. Alexander ran well, finishing under the six-minute mark, at 5:55.83. Murphy finished in a time of 6:08.29.

Distance runners Lissie Robie '04 and Rebecca Howe '05 represented Andover in the women's 800 meters run. Robie ran a strong race to break the time that she had anticipated, finishing in 2:27.22. Howe also ran well, crossing the line in a final time of 2:37.98.

Captain Katie Dlesk '03 led a very fast group of Andover girls competing in the 200-meter dash. Dlesk finished in a very impressive 26.70 seconds to place 13th overall, out of a field of 32 other athletes. Jackie Latina '04 and Courtney McBride '03 also performed well, running times of 27.24 seconds and 28.10 seconds, respectively. Sonia DeYoung '05, with a time of 29.10, and Cassie Tognoni '05, with a time of 29.37, capped off a great performance by the sprinters. Shot putter Erin O'Hern '03 threw for a whopping 31' 8."

Dlesk was the only Andover athlete to "triple" in Sunday's USATF meet. After running the 200-meter dash, Dlesk ran an amazing 57.21 in the 400-meter run to finish in the highest spot of any Andover athlete, placing second overall. McBride also competed in the 400, running a quick 1:02.45 to finish 12th overall.

Sprinters Dlesk, McBride, Tognoni, and Latina made up a 4x 440 meter relay team that beat out Choate's squad by more than ten seconds, crossing the line in a time of 4:21.51.

Andover had two boys competing in the men's 800-meter run. Chimaobi Izeogu '04 ran a smart race, holding off eight other runners to finish in 2:07.88 and 29th overall. Fighting off a cold, Adam Kapor '04 also ran well, finishing in 2:08.16.

Captain Peter Chiu '03 had a great day at Harvard, jumping for a 19' mark in the men's long jump - an accomplishment that placed him at 11th place overall. With David Sheldon '04, Lee Rattigan '03, and O'Shea Galan '04 unable to compete, Warner Robinson '04 was Andover's lone sprinter in the 60-meter dash. Robinson rose to the challenge, running a time of 7.65 seconds to finish third in his heat. Matt Longley '04, Andover's only pole-vaulter at Harvard on Sunday, placed tenth overall in the men's pole vault with a mark of 10' 6" even.

Sunday's USATF meet proved to be a satisfying end to two amazing seasons. The Girls Track team, led by Captain Dlesk, finished up a solid year. The Boys Track team, led by Captain Chiu, finished the season undefeated. Both teams voted for captains on Tuesday, the girls electing Latina and the boys picking Sheldon for the 2003-2004 indoor season.

In an exciting development, the Girls 4x200 team, of Dlesk, McBride, Latina and Anne Riordan '03 qualified for American Indoor High School Nationals.

PA Boys Track Sprints Through Winter Perfect; Sheldon Shines

by Jon Hillman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

In sports, consistency is the quality that distinguishes those teams that are truly great from the countless championship teams that have preceded them. The boys of Andover Track in 2002-2003 triumphed over challenges race in and race out, finishing undefeated all season and, consequently, earning their place among Andover's best.

Venturing out to the annual Dartmouth Relays for their first taste of competition, the boys in Blue warmed up for what would prove to be an incredible season. Josh Wolfe '04, who would be unable to race for most of the season due to an injury, ran in the boys' elite one-mile against some of the best high school talent in the Northeast.

Wolfe took control of the race with three quarters to go, but was passed by the runner who would finish first close to the half way mark. In the early season meet, Wolfe was ready to go under 4:20, but his legs were not yet there. Wolfe finished the race in seventh place, crossing the line in 4:25. Lee Rattigan '03 and his blistering 55 meter also highlighted the day. Rattigan's time of 6.71 seconds put him at eighth overall in the finals and foreshadowed his season long dominance in the sprints.

Following a tri-meet against North Andover and Lawrence High School, only the second meet of the season, it was apparent that the team was coming together. The boys got off to a quick lead with strong performances by sprinters O'Shea Galan '04 and David Sheldon '04, who both tripled. Galan competed in the high jump, Sheldon in the long jump, and both ran the 300-yard and 50-yard dashes.

Andover's dependable distance team took care of business once again, as Jack McCallum '03, Adam Kapor '04, JJ Feigenbaum '04, Chris Donais '05, and Piotr Brzezinski '03 combined to trounce the local competition, helping the boys to a final score of 76.5 points.

A meet held by the Greater Boston Track Club at Harvard would serve as the next showcase for Andover's track talent. Bumping heads with college teams from around the East, including, but not limited to, MIT, Harvard, Wesleyan, Seton Hill, Brown, and Harvard, the boys held their own, despite realizing that they were the only high school athletes competing, and learned a thing or two along the way.

Led by Captain Peter Chiu '03, the boys took the next meet against cross-town rival Andover High School and the following meet against Tewksbury High School. Shot-put standout Anwell Lanfranco '04 improved on the Upper record that he set earlier on in the season, tossing the shot for 49' 1" to take an easy first against Andover High.

Without Wolfe, a weaker-than-usual Andover distance squad was in need of some breakthrough performances. Jon Lanterman '03 stepped up to fill the gap and took second in the one mile, pushing Andover High's Phil Shaw throughout the whole race. Brzezinski did the same in the 1000, almost kicking Shaw down the final straightaway.

Andover's domination continued in a tri-meet against Lynnfield and Masconomet. Utility-man David Sheldon tied the Upper record in the 300-yard dash, joining Sprints coach David Callum '93 and Lewis Brown '98 in the record book with a 34.7s. The Boys benefited from Sheldon's presence throughout the season, as he added countless points in the long jump, 50, and 300 throughout the season.

A tri-meet against Lowell High School and Chelmsford High School would provide the challenge that the boys in blue had been looking for all season. Andover traded first and second places with Lowell throughout the meet and the score was tied heading into the 4 x 400 meter relay, the final event.

An Andover relay team of Rattigan, Chimaobi Izeogu '03, Gordon Hoople '04, and Kapor would decide the meet's outcome. Rattigan's 55.7 s leg put Andover in the lead as he handed off the Izeogu. With a Lowell runner at his heels, Izeogu would not let up and handed off to Hoople with Andover still in first. Hoople maintained the lead, handing off to Kapor, who was just feet ahead of the final Lowell runner. Unwilling to be passed, Kapor whipped around the track, surging as the Lowell runner feebly tried to overtake him. It was fitting that such a close meet would be decided by the most team-oriented event, the relay, in which Andover prevailed, extending the unbeaten streak.

Players and coaches alike were amazed by the relay team's performance which garnered Athlete of the Week honors. Of the relay, Coach Corbin Lang said, "These guys have hearts like lions, roars like tigers, and feet like leopards. Going into the race, they knew that if they won the relay, we won the meet. They rose to the challenge like the champions they are."

In the final regular season meet, the team squared off against the big red at Exeter. The long jumping crew came through yet again for Andover, sweeping the event as they had done before in previous meets. Brzezinski ran a gutsy mile against Exeter's best.

After falling to third place, Brzezinski unleashed a devastating kick in the final 200 yards to overtake one Exeter runner and finish just inches off first place.

Though the boys had expected a run for their money from the Big Red, Exeter did not put up much of a fight and the boys in blue cruised to an easy victory, completing their undefeated season.

A select group of athletes competed at Harvard in a final meet run by the USATF. Facing some similar faces from the earlier Harvard meet, the boys pushed themselves for a final time, many athletes taking advantage of Harvard's quick track to set new personal bests and see how far they had come since the season's beginning.

Captain Chiu best summed of the memorable 2002-2003 Indoor season, saying, "There's a wealth of talent in the Phillips Academy track program, and we owe it to not only the hard work, but the talent of each and every one of the runners. These runners had talent and applied themselves, and there's nothing more that a captain could ask of his team."

SPORT: Girls Indoor Track

YEAR: 2002 - 2003

CAPTAIN: Katherine Delesk

MANAGER:

COACH: Corbin Lang

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

Lou Bernieri Co-Head/Shot Put
Ralph Bledsoe Shot Put
Jon Stableford Distance
Chin Jou Distance
David Callum Sprints
Pam Boehm Long Jump/Sprints
Yasmine Allen High Jump/Sprints
Dick Collins Hurdles

SEASON RECORD

WON 2 LOST 2 TIED 1

Letter Winners

Leila Adell
Kaitlain Ainsworth
Celia Alexander
Sonia G. DeYoung
Katherine Dlesk
Emma Etheridge
Rebecca Howe
Loui Itoh
Jacqueline M. Latina,
Catherine Maffione,
Eileen A. Manning,
Courtney McBride,
Alison C. Murphy,
Erin M.O'Hern,
Anne Riordan,
Elizabeth S. Robie
Lee A.Rotenberg,
Martha C. Schnure,
Cassandra L. Tognoni

Girls Track

			PA	OPP
Sat. 1/11/2003	(A)	DARTMOUTH	10:00	
Wed. 1/15/2003	(H)	NORTH ANDOVER/	62	
		LAWRENCE HS	N. And 36	20
Sat. 1/18/2003	(A)	YALE INVITATIONAL	10:00	
Sun. 1/19/2003	(H)	HARVARD		
Sat. 1/25/2003	(A)	ANDOVER HS	2:00	
Sat. 2/1/2003	(A)	WHEATON INVITATIONAL	9:00	
Wed. 2/5/2003	(H)	LYNNFIELD/MASCO	3:30	
Sat. 2/8/2003	(H)	CHELMSFORD HS	1:30	
Wed. 2/12/2003	(H)	TBA	3:30	
Wed. 2/19/2003	(A)	EXETER	2:30	
Sat. 2/22/2003	(A)	MAINE USATF	12:00	

1/19/03 Track and Field Standouts Travel To Harvard

On Sunday, January 19th, PA competed at the 2003 Greater Boston Track Club Invitational at Harvard University's Gordon Indoor Track Facility. Below is a list of results for Andover entries.

Girls:

* Katie Dlesk, 400m 58.93, 3rd place trials (out of 27); 58.57, 2nd place finals
* Jackie Latina, 60m, 8.44, 20th trials (out of 33); 200m, 27.49, 27th trials (out of 53)
* Anne Riordan, 60m HH; 10.07, 11th trials (out of 19); 200m, 27.91, 31st trials (out of 53)
* Courtney McBride, 200m, 28.45, 37th trials (out of 53)
* Erin O'Hern, SP, 9.31m, 30' 06.50", 13th (out of 22)
* Hoppy Maffione, 3000m, 11:56.13, 38th unseeded (out of 45)
* Lizzy Frazer, mile, 5:45.06, 20th unseeded (out of 44)
* Alison Murphy, mile, 6:16.11, 38th unseeded (out of 44)
* 4x220yd Relay, 1st (out of 6), 1:49.03, Courtney McBride, Anne Riordan, Jackie Latina, Katie Dlesk

Boys:

* Peter Chiu, LJ, 5.91m, 19' 04.75", 7th finals (out of 17)
* Matt Longley, 400m, 59.17, 55th trials (out of 57th)
* Chris Donais, 3000m, 9:56.11, 41st unseeded (out of 52)
* JJ Feigenbaum, 3000m, 10:19.85, 46th unseeded
* John Freker, mile, 4:50.91, 40th unseeded (out of 58)
* Wes Howe, mile, 5:13.12, 56th unseeded
* Adam Kapor, mile, 4:50.76, 39th unseeded
* Chris Lanterman, mile, 4:56.72, 45th unseeded
* Dan Serna, mile, 5:02.43, 49th unseeded
* Jon Weigel, mile, 5:03,23, 50th unseeded
* O'Shea Galan, 60m, 7.32, 23rd trials (out of 45); 200m, 24.48, 31st trials (out of 50)
* Martin Quinones, LJ, 5.38m, 17' 08.00, 15th trials (out of 17); 200m, 25.75, 46th trials (out of 50)
* Lee Rattigan, 60m, 7.24, 19th trials (out of 45); 200m, 23.70, 19th trials (out of 50)
* David Sheldon, LJ, 5.69m, 18' 08.00, 11th trials (out of 17); 60m, 7.52, 33rd trials (out of 45); 200m, 24.37, 26th trials (out of 50)
* 4x880yd Relay, 8th (out of 9), 8:29.92
  Piotr Brzezinski, Jon Hillman, Chimaobi Izeogu, Adam Kapor
* 4x440yd Relay, 14th (out of 14), 3:49.67
  Lee Rattigan, 54.9; Dan Serna, 59.1; Martin Quinones, 60.3; David Sheldon, 55.

Track Has Speedy Start; Captain Dlesk '03 Leads

by Cat McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Girls' Track team started out with a bang this season. The girls just could not wait to get the season started. Captain Katie Dlesk '03 and team were so anxious, in fact, that they held their time trials a week before finals. December 6th was the day for the girls track stars to strut their stuff. The ladies had not even been on the track for two weeks, with practice starting the week before Thanksgiving break.

At time trials, newcomers were given the opportunity to try out all of the events. The ladies were put through a set of rigorous tests including the long jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, sprinting, hurtles, and long distance. After these, the newcomers chose the events they were interested as well as those that coaches thought they should try.

While the newcomers were getting a sense of the sport, veterans were practicing hard, as they are all looking forward to the prospect of a new season. The ladies will be pushing their limits, breaking old personal records, and making this season as successful and fulfilling as those of the past.

After Thanksgiving break, during which most of the girls continued training and building up strength, practice resumed. It was the second half of Dean's week, a week dreaded by all. At the end of a long week of hard academic work, mixed with an increasingly difficult training schedule, it was time for time trials. It was an opportunity for returning athletes to show they hadn't lost their touch in the Cage. For the new girls it was a time to test their ability and to prove themselves to coaches and teammates.

The distance divas started the afternoon in style with a slew of impressive performances. The longest distance time trialed was the one mile, dominated by returning cross country stars. Lizzy Fraser '04 finished first with a time of 5:58 and was the only Andover girl to break six minutes. The second and third finishers, Alison Murphy '05 and Celia Alexander '04, crossed the line together with a time of 6:16. Murphy ran the mile last year during indoor track while Alexander played hockey. Alexander does have running experience, having finished first in the JV Cross Country Interschols this past fall.

The 1000 meter was also taken by a star cross-country runner. Coming off of a successful rookie cross-country campaign, Lissie Robie '04 crossed the finish line with a blazing time of 3:05. Finishing second with a time of 3:21was field hockey player Natasha Pakravan '04, a newcomer to track and long distance. Cristina Hartmann '03, also new to track, finished third at 3:31.

Rounding off the long distance trials was the 600 meter. Two juniors, show promise in this event. Rebecca Howe and Sarah Gershkong finished at 1:50 and 1:58 respectively.

Newcomers dominated the jumping events. For the long jump, Howe jumped 14' 5.5" and rowing PG Jess Lehmann '03 jumped 13'9". For the high jump, veteran Cassie Tognoni '05 jumped 14'8". Tognoni shows promise in many events, with good finishes in the 50 yard dash and the hurdles.

For shot put, Erin O' Hearn '03, who competed at the Junior Olympics in this event, threw an impressive 34'9". Also throwing were Ciarra Schmidt '05 and Lily Kelting '04.

For the hurdles, Emma Etheridge '04 finished first at 8.9 and Martha Schnure '06 second at 9.0. Mariah Russell '04 and Tognoni tied for third at 9.3. School record holder Anne Riordan '03 did not race due to injury.

Although the ladies performed well in all events, the event of the day was definitely the 50 yard dash. Returning stars Jackie Latina '04 and Katie Dlesk '03 finished with times of 6.2 and 6.4 respectively. Courtney McBride '03 rounded out the top three with a time of 6.5. Andover's relays look to a season of blazing races, and hopefully, record-breaking.

Captain Dlesk has "high hopes for this season." She added, "We've been winning for a while now; I can't even remember the last time we lost. I think our challenge will be to rise to the occasion and to push ourselves a little more than usual. We'll have a great season, the team is a great bunch of girls, and hopefully we'll win a lot. That would make me happy."

Tomorrow, a select group of girls will make the trek up to the even colder and snowier town of Hanover, New Hampshire where they will compete in the first invitational of the season, the prestigious Dartmouth Relays. These girls are truly the best of the best. With promising results from time trials, the ladies in Blue will look to leave their mark in Hanover.

Girls Track Sprints Past College Teams; Season Bright After Solid Performance

by Cat McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Winning duel meets is exciting, but invitationals are where the fun is. After leading the team to a clear victory over Lawrence and North Andover High Schools in last Wednesday's meet, a group of the top athletes in each event of indoor track competed again last Sunday.

This time they traveled into Cambridge for the 2003 Greater Boston Track Cub Invitational. "It was hard going to Dartmouth on Saturday, then having the meet at home on Wednesday, and then going to Boston on Sunday. Three meets in eight days? That's really intense," said one-miler Alison Murphy '05. "But I think it was good for us, too, to get more practice racing at an invitational this early in the season. It's hard right now, but I know it will pay off later when we go up against our big rivals."

Sprinting coach David Callum '94's own Greater Boston Track Club held its meet on the indoor track on the Harvard University campus. "Ain't no thang like running on Harvard's really super cool track," said two-miler Hoppy Maffione '04.

Although the meet was open to runners and athletes of all ages and abilities, the meet brings together some of New England's best talent, and creates serious competition. As a result, the girls had to battle mostly against colleges and universities.

Many of the field events, including pole vaulting and high jumping, did not compete, but star Erin O'Hern '03 represented them with her excellent performance in the shot put. She placed fourth in her flight of about sixteen women with a great throw of 30'06".

Maffione was the sole runner as usual in the 3000m, but held her place with a fast time of 11:56.

The only other long distance race in which PA girls competed was the one mile. In the group of twenty collegiate women, Lizzy Fraser '04 ran the race of her life, finishing second and crossing the line at 5:45.06. Murphy finished at 6:16.11.

Anne Riordan '03 held her own in the 60-meter hurdles. In the preliminary round, she finished fourth and last in her heat, but her time of 10.07 was good enough to advance her to the semi-finals. There she finished twelfth out of 16 women at 9.97.

The 60-meter dash started off the sprints. Jackie Latina '04 was the only PA girl to run. She clocked in at 8.44 seconds, fourth in her heat in the preliminaries.

In the preliminaries of the 200-meter dash, Latina competed again, this time placing third in her heat in 27.49. Riordan ran a 27.91, and Courtney McBride '03 ran a 28.45. Both were fourth in their heats. In the preliminaries of the quarter mile, McBride finished fast at 1:02.93, second in her heat.

Captain Katie Dlesk '03 ran a 58.93 to win her heat and go to the finals. In the finals, Dlesk ran a blistering 58.57, finishing second only to a runner from Essex County College. Dlesk's collegiate track prospects are bright, especially with her great running at Harvard.

Individual events aside, the team agreed that the race of the day was the 4x220 yard relay. Latina, Riordan, McBride, and Dlesk shocked the crowd with their win, by crossing the finish line at 1:49.03, the only high school team beating teams from five universities.

"It was amazing," commented Maffione. "Everyone there was talking about it. None of colleges could believe we'd beaten them."

This past Wednesday the girls had a break with no meet, but tomorrow the whole team goes up against one of their biggest rivals, Andover High School. "This is one of the biggest meets of the season," says Captain Dlesk. "They have a lot of talented athletes. But I think that if everyone tries just as hard and continues with the same effort that they have since the beginning of the season, we'll be fine."

Despite a Solid Effort, PA Girls Track Falls To Masconomet; Still Beats Lynnfield High

by Jack and Cat McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Masconomet	54.5
Andover	43.5
Lynnfield	16

Despite a loss this week,due in part to injuries, the Big Blue is on the mend.

GIRLS' TRACK

Girls Indoor Track has made a recovery after their loss to Andover High School, as the JV runners trounced the locals at their home track last Friday. This week, the Varsity went up against Lynnfield and Masconomet in a duel meet.

This past Wednesday, the Varsity Lady Blue fought valiantly in an attempt to stem the flow of losses, but were ultimately unsuccessful. While smashing their foes from Lynnfield, the Lady's added a loss to their season by coming up short against Masconomet.

The best performance of the day team-wise was the 300 yard dash, where Varsity leaders Katie Dlesk '03, Jackie Latina '04 and Courtney McBride '03 took first through third, scoring ten points. Dlesk also took second in the 50 yards hurdles and third in the 50 dash, while Latina won the long jump and took second in the dash. McBride, Latina, Dlesk and Cassie Tognoni '05 gathered their strength at the end of the meet to win the 4x400 meter relay by 26 seconds. Tognoni also managed fourth in the high jump for Andover, to take the team's only point in that event, while Erin O'Hern '03 took third in the shot put.

The under-manned distance squad took a beating as they failed to win any of the four longest running events. Hoppy Maffione '04, however, put in two heart-wrenching races in both the mile and two mile, where she took second with a 5:53 and third with a 13:06, respectively. Celia Alexander '04 took fourth in the mile, while Lissie Robie '04 took second in the 1000 and third in the 600.

As she watched the girls struggling to keep up with the massive Masco squad, injured track team member Jess Lehmann '03 commented, "Everyone [on our team] is injured." Celia Alexander voiced the same sentiment, saying, "There were a lot of people [on our team] injured or at [the JV meet at] Exeter, but the runners we did have ran fast."

F. Wang/*The Phillipi*

Marty Schnure '06 leaps over the hurdles and the competition in Wednesday's meet with Lynnfield and Masconomet.

A week ago, Andover High School held an unscored meet for just junior varsity track athletes on their great new indoor track. "It was so much fun!" exclaimed Alison Murphy '05 when they got back. It was a great meet for the team, as coaches could turn their attention from the usual varsity runners and focus on these athletes, the teams' future stars. In all events, the girls show serious prospect.

Sonia DeYoung '05 finished first in both the 50 yard dash and the 300 yard dash with excellent times of 6.73 and 42.6 seconds. Following her in the 50 yard dash were Carolyn Johnson '04 in 7.03 and Tiffany Chen '04 in 7.2. In the 300 yard dash, Mariah Russell '04 got second in 45.4 seconds, and Chen '04 again finished third in 47.4. Marty Schnure '06 caused a sensation in the 50 yard hurdles by dominating with a time of 7.9 seconds. Russell followed in 8.71, and Emma Etheridge '04 came in third with 8.9 seconds. Freshman girls ruled the 600 meter run. Rebecca Howe '06 won at 1:39.84. Kat Chen '06 finished next for PA with a personal record of 1:47.87, and Sarah Gershkon '06 came in third with 1:50.79. In the mile, Celia Alexander's '04 time of 6:06.42 barely beat Murphy's 6:06.62. Loui Itoh '03 followed them in 6:25.00. The team hadn't set anyone to run the 1000 meter dash, but Alexander and Murphy stepped up to the cause. "We were kind of bored and useless after the mile anyway, so we thought why not?" laughed Murphy. Both did exceptionall well, Alexander crossing th line at 3:12.36, and Murph close behind in 3:15.26. Th athletes came back happy wit their accomplishments and the coaches astonished and prou after PA's loss to Andover Hig the week before. The meet ha no final score, but it was cle that the PA team had superi talent in its' new athletes.

Lady Blue Lose Nailbiter, Dlesk Ends Season in Style

by Cat McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter	**55**
Andover	**50**

Despite a phenomenal performance by Captain Katie Dlesk '03, the Girls Track team failed to overcome the Big Red. Going into the 4x400 relay with a tied score, it would be the first place finishers in the relay who would go home with the win. A gutsy performance by Dlesk could not fix the fact that Cassie Tognoni '05 dropped the baton, disqualifying the entire relay.

Tognoni started her day off by winning the high jump with a 4'8" jump. The long jumpers did not fare as well, but Rebecca Howe '06 managed to score a third place finish.

An exciting mile race started off the running events. Lissie Robie '04 started off slowly, bu took the lead halfway through th race. She crossed the finish line a an amazing 5:41, a good half la ahead of the top two Exeter run ners. Dlesk finished second in th 50-yard hurdles. Event recor holder, Anne Riordan '03, battlin back from injury, took third place Following the hurdles, Dlesk wo the 50-yard dash with Jacki Latina '04 taking a close second.

Andover's performance in th 300-yard dash had Exie fans shak ing their heads in disbelief. In th first heat, the Exeter runner shovec Dlesk out of the way as she tried tc pass the first time. But Dlesk pow ered along beside her, passing he with a half lap to go. She finished in 39.6 seconds, making her the first girl to ever go sub-40 on Exeter's track. Courtney McBride '03 and Latina then showed the maverick Exeter runner the Andover way by taking the second and third places respectively, another sweep for PA. After Robie captured another first place, the score was tied leading up to the deciding relay.

No event could compare to the 4x400 relay. McBride took the first leg, running steps behind a powerful Exeter sprinter. She handed off to Tognoni, who quickly covered the gap. But as she tried to pass, she tripped, taken off guard by an abrupt movement by the Exeter runner. Tognoni got back up, having dropped the baton, and sprinted after her, but the space between was more than a quarter of a lap. Latina tried to make some of it up in the third leg, but the distance seemed to have only grown longer by the time Dlesk took the baton for the final leg. It was the first time this season that the relay team had not been far ahead of their opponent on the last leg, but Dlesk took it all in stride. She started to move on the Exeter runner immediately, and as the bell rang announcing the final lap, Dlesk passed her. She never looked back.

Andover and Exeter fans alike were in awe of Dlesk's feat. "It was incredible," said Tognoni afterwards, "It's amazing to have that much faith in a teammate. I had to get up. I knew that if I stayed in the race, Katie would make it up in the end. And she pulled through. She's my hero." The girls then celebrated what they thought to be a hard fought win.

However, in a last ditch effort to salvage the victory, Exeter challenged and protested the relay, citing Tognoni's fall as grounds for disqualification. At the time, Exeter was awarded the win, though the Andover team is appealing the referee's call.

The girls, however, know in their hearts that they earned the victory, regardless of Exeter's protest.

Lady Blue Tracksters Snap Undefeated Streak in 2003

by Cat McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Lady Blue Indoor Track and Field team finished out yet another amazing season this past winter. Although the team broke its multiple-year undefeated streak by falling to major rivals Andover High and Exeter in close meets, the season boasted more shows of unmatchable talent than ever before, especially from Captain Katie Dlesk '03. Dlesk, who will run at Yale University next year, anchored the 4x200 relay team that qualified for the National Championship in New York City.

"Katie Dlesk was an awesome captain, and her performances were the incredible 'that's why we run' type of things," said Hoppy Maffione '04. She added, "It's tough to get psyched for winter term, but indoor track, even with all its crazy circles, was great."

A core group of returning Seniors led the team. Along with Captain Dlesk, sprinters Courtney McBride '03 and Anne Riordan '03 came back to lead the team in the sprinting events. Erin O'Hern '03 also returned to dominate in the shot put.

Over the course of the winter, the team recorded key wins against Lynnfield, North Andover High, Lawrence High School, and Chelmsford. The Lady Blue also turned in top-notch performances at both the Dartmouth Invitational and the Greater Boston Track Club meet at Harvard. The final meet of the winter against Exeter was an amazing show of PA talent that unfortunately ended in heartbreak.

Courtesy of Katie Dlesk
Katie Dlesk '03's sprinting anchored the Blue this winter.

Going into the last relay, the 4x400, the teams were tied. McBride took the first leg, leaving the Lady Blue trailing the Exies. Cassie Tognoni '05 ran the next leg and caught up to her Exeter opponent but made the mistake of trying to pass her on the inside of the lane. It caused Tognoni to trip and fall, leaving more than a quarter of a lap between her and the Exeter runner. After Captain-elect Jackie Latina '04 ran, the gap between the two teams widened. Dlesk took the baton and gave it her all, passing the Exie with one lap to go. Still, Dlesk's performance could not make up for Tognoni's mistake. The judges disqualified the girls team for the inside lane passing. With the meet all even entering the race, the DQ swung the meet in Exeter's favor, and the Big Red won, 55-50.

The team capped off its season by sending its 4x200 relay team of McBride, Dlesk, Latina, and Riordan to the Indoor National Championships in New York. Although the girls did not place, they ran their fastest time. Dlesk also competed in the 400 yard dash.

Dlesk was more than pleased with the season. "It's amazing to me. It was really wonderful to run with the girls on this team. They are incredible, very willing to work, reminding my always to give it my all. Personally, the season was very fulfilling. I ran faster than I thought I could indoors and having the relay qualify for nationals was the perfect culmination of all our hard work. The highlight of the season for me was definitely the Exeter relay... all the energy in the cage was incredible, and I was so proud of the way that our team refused to give up."

Dlesk's departure will affect the team greatly next year, as Tognoni pointed out. "Next season will not be the same without Katie's talent and support. Though with Jackie as captain and with the talent of our underclassmen, next year's season shows promise of yet another winning season."

Dlesk has faith that Captain-elect Latina will do a good job of following in her footsteps as the team's leader, saying, "Jackie was always fast, but I think she grew a lot this season, becoming a real leader this year both on and off the

SPORT: Wrestling

YEAR: 2002 - 2003

CAPTAIN: **Leon Fay**

MANAGER:

COACH: **Rich Gorham '86**

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Sean Mccarthy

SEASON RECORD

WON 10 **LOST** 8 **TIED** 1

Letter Winners

Nuri Atay
Philip Caruso
Nicholas Constantino
Leon Fay
Susan Kemper
Jeffrey Pena
Evan Platt
Mark Shvartsman
Ben Stone
Erik Trautman
Lars Trautman
Thomas Treat
Alexandra Wall
Gabriel Worgaftik
Taylor Yates
Daniel Fromson
Daniel Hackney
Daniel LeClerc

Wrestling

			PA	OPP
Sat. 12/7/2002	(H)	GOVERNOR DUMMER / TILTON	43	T- 27
			78	GDA 0
Wed. 1/8/2003	(A)	WILBRAHAM & MONSON	69	6
Sat. 1/11/2003	(A)	DEERFIELD/PCD/HYDE	60	P15
			37	H37
			39	D37
Wed. 1/15/2003	(A)	WORCESTER/TABOR	35	T36
			65	W15
Sat. 1/18/2003	(A)	BELMONT/LOOMIS/NH	34	L45
			24	B48
Wed. 1/22/2003	(H)	NORTH ANDOVER	15	55
Sat. 1/25/2003	(A)	MILTON/ TILTON/ ST. PAUL'S	39	T27
			48	SP30
			26	M45
Wed. 1/29/2003	(H)	THAYER	51	27
Sat. 2/1/2003	(A)	PROVIDENCE CD / N.M.H.	37	T18
			26	NMH48
Wed. 2/5/2003	(A)	BROOKS	26	47
Sat. 2/8/2003	(A)	HYDE (CT) - No. NE Invitational	5th place	
Wed. 2/12/2003	(H)	EXETER	27	51
Fri. 2/14/2003	(A)	INTERSCHOLS	6th place	
Sat. 2/15/2003	(A)	INTERSCHOLS		
Thurs. 2/20/2003	(A)	NATIONALS		
Fri. 2/28/2003	(A)	NEW ENGLANDS		
Sat. 3/1/2003	(A)	NEW ENGLANDS		

ANDOVER WRESTLING 2002-2003

WRESTLER	WT	YR	HOMETOWN
Ozzy Ahmed	140	U	Andover, MA
Kassie Archambault	112	J	Methuen, MA
John Atay*	189	S	Istanbul, Turkey
Andres Bobadilla	112	J	Santo Domingo, D.R.
Luke Cahill	125	J	N. Hampton, NH
Phil Caruso*	152	S	Carlisle, MA
Nick Constantino	125	U	Amsterdam, NY
Brendan de Brun	152	J	Mexico City
Leon Fay*	135	U	Andover, MA
Dan Fromson	145	L	Glastonbury, CT
Randy Garcia	125	J	Bronx, NY
Gardner Gould	152	S	Andover, MA
Daniel Hackney	171	L	Glen Mills, PA
Justin Ko	130	S	Hsinchu, Taiwan
Alex Kotlar	189	U	Somerville, MA
Ricky Lam	130	S	Hong Kong
Dan LeClerc	189	L	Andover, MA
Ben Levenback	119	J	Houston, TX
Andrew McGowan*	152	L	Sutherland, VA
Lolita Muñoz	119	U	Los Angeles, CA
Gordon Murphy	125	J	Piedmont, CA
Matt O'Gorman	275	U	Mobile, AL
Jeffrey Peña*	130	U	N. Woodmere, NY
Evan Platt	189	J	Austin, TX
Rajeev Saxena	140	J	Atlanta, GA
Mark Shvartsman*	119	L	Burlington, MA
Ben Stone	189	U	Dover, MA
Daniel Taylor	189	J	Nashua, NH
Erik Trautman	171	S	Concord, MA
Lars Trautman	160	U	Concord, MA
Tom Treat*	119	U	Bolton, CT
Jardine Wall	119	U	Pacific Palisades, CA
Billy Wonderly	145	J	Seattle, WA
Gabe Worgaftik	112	J	Hyde Park, MA
John Wulsin	145	L	Cincinnati, OH
Taylor Yates	145	U	Weston, MA

*=returning letter winner

CAPTAIN LEON FAY '04
HEAD COACH RICH GORHAM '86
ASSISTANT COACH SEAN McCARTHY

3/1/03 Peña, Shvarstsman Reach Finals, Lead PA Charge in New Englands
The Phillips Academy wrestling team ended the season with an excellent performance at the 2003 New England Independent Schools tournament held at the Belmont Hill School. With sixty schools in the New England Association, only the very best wrestlers qualify to compete in this meet. Andover had five entries: Gabe Worgaftik '06 (112lb), Mark Shvartsman '05 (119lb), Tom Treat '04 (125lb), Jeff Peña '04 (130lb) and Captain Leon Fay '04 (135lb), but all are underclassmen, and none were seeded higher than seventh in their respective weight class. Both Peña, a #9 seed, and Shvartsman, a #7, stunned the field by reaching the finals, and Fay, seeded #8, finished fifth. Andover's team point total (56) was our highest in three years. Peña opened his tournament against a wrestler who defeated him at the league meet two weeks earlier, but this time he prevailed in overtime, 7-5. Next, Jeff avenged a loss from last year's New England tournament when he stunned the #1 seed, 8-7. After beating the #4 seed, Jeff found himself in the finals against an outstanding opponent from Williston Northampton, the #2 seed. In a terrific finals match, Jeff jumped out to an early 6-2 lead before his opponent made a furious comeback. Jeff led 9-8 in the third period before he was pinned. Shvartsman's path to the finals was almost as improbable. After an easy first round win, Mark faced the #2 seed in the quarter finals, who had pinned him earlier this season. Mark turned the tables with a first period pin for the upset victory. A 9-4 win in the semis propelled Mark into the New England finals. Fay wrestled six matches in the meet, recording four wins and reversing a loss to a wrestler who defeated him earlier this season. Worgaftik and Treat also wrestled well, but managed only one win between them. All five of Andover's entries will return next year to improve upon their performances.

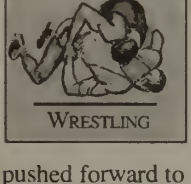
J. Wardrop/*The Phillipian*

Wrestling began the season with three wins this week.

Captain Fay '04 Leads Wrestling to Three Wins

by Jeff Pena
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Andover Wrestling Team returned from Winter Break with two decisive wins at home on Saturday December 7, defeating Tilton, 43-27, and Governor Dummer, 78-0. The Andover Wrestling Team then pushed forward to yet another win against Wilbraham and Monson making the season record 3-0. John Atay '03 led the way with a quick 35-second pin in the 189-pound weight class. Junior sensation Evan Platt '06 took the mat next wrestling in the 215lb weigh class and claiming another first minute win for PA.



First year wrestler Matt O'Gorman '04 in his Varsity debut was unable to pull off a win after struggling to get off his back and getting pinned with just one second left on the clock. Gabe Worgaftik '05 won by forfeit in the 112 lb weight class bringing the team score to 6-18, Andover leading. Next on the mat was Tom Treat 04' who scored yet another six team points after achieving a second round pin. Nick Constantino '04 then stepped on to the mat for a long three period match ending with an 18-3 technical fault. Randy Garcia '06, another first year wrestler making his varsity debut, won by a second period pin in the 130-weight class. Next captain Leon Fay '04 earned a quick first period pin making the team score 6-41. Jeffrey Pena '04 was next to step into the match, wrestling up a weight class, and accomplishing a pin in the second period.

Taylor Yates '05 added another six points to the Andover scoreboard by pulling off a pin. Yates began the match feeling hesitant, however this spell wore off by the end of the first round when he got a pin. Phil Caruso '03 had the win of the day as he defeated Wilbraham's best wrestlers and team captain in a second period pin; Caruso's win was due to faultless technique and timing. Next Lars Trautman '05 won by a major decision in the 160 lb weight class.

This success was followed by brother Erik Trautman '03 winning in the 171 lb weight class after the first period – wrapping up the day with a final team winning score of 6-63. The team's skills will truly be tested tomorrow as the Grapplers go against an equally strong Deerfield team. As the competition gets tougher later on in the season, the Blue will look forward to the season's new challenges.

J. Bovaird/ *The Phillipian*

John Atay '03 grapples with a Loomis Chaffee wrestler, during Andover's tough loss to the powerful Pelicans.

Despite Losing Streak, Wrestling Remains Optimistic For Future

by Phil Caruso
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Loomis Chaffee	**45**
Andover	**34**
Belmont Hill	**48**
Andover	**24**
North Andover	**55**
Andover	**15**

Loomis. Belmont Hill. North Andover. The Wrestling team had known all season long that this week would be grueling, facing three of New England's best prep school teams in only five days.

First up for PA was Loomis, the defending New England Champs whi are currently ranked first in the Class A with a record of 11-0 going into the tri-meet. The meet started badly for Andover as the Big Blue found themselves in a 15-0 hole after only three matches. After taking a forfeit at 160 lbs, Erik Trautman '03 got PA back on the winning track with a pin, followed by John Atay's '03 upset win over a tough Loomis opponent.

Still, Andover was losing 33-18 and in need of a quick turnaround to even the meet. Answering the call was Gabe Worgaftik '06, scoring an upset victory over his opponent with a third period pin at 112lbs, and Mark Shvartsman '05 followed with a major decision at 119.

After Nick Constantino '04 was dispatched by Loomis' freshman phenom at 125 lbs, Jeff Pena '04 responded with a pin of his own, setting the score at 39-34 in favor of Loomis entering the final match. Captain Leon Fay '04 was pinned in the second period, leaving the final score at 45-39 in favor of Loomis.

In the second dual, Trautman and Pena both recorded their second pins of the day, and Lars Trautman '04 and Constantino also pinned. However, these four victories were all that came for the Big Blue, and the rest of the team wrestled flatly, getting pinned and failing to score in winnable matches. Andover finished Saturday 0-2, with its 48-24 loss to Belmont a sharp contrast to the hard-fought, near-upset over Loomis earlier in the day. Wednesday afternoon, the PA wrestlers again took the mat against another tough opponent, North Andover's Scarlet Knights.

Andover began the dual immediately down 12-0 after yielding forfeits to the Knights at 275 and 103 lbs. But in a show of toughness and determination, Worgaftik bounced back by pinning his opponent and halving North Andover's lead.

However, PA's luck seemed to run dry after that, with losses from Shvartsman, Constantino, Pena and Fay to four of North Andover's toughest wrestlers. Andover then suffered two more pins at 140 and 145, and found itself losing 48-6.

But after Phil Caruso '03 came back to score a second period pin over his opponent at 152 lbs, the usually successful Trautman brothers were both pinned in tough losses at 160 and 171.

The final score of the match was 55-15 in favor of the Scarlet Knights, but the Andover squad displayed tough wrestling. The Big Blue take on out-of-league rivals Milton, St. Paul's and Thayer next week for a chance to get back on the winning track.

Andover Grapplers Beat Tilton; Wall '04 First Female To Win

by Phil Caruso
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

NMH	48
Andover	26
Andover	37
Tilton	18
Brooks	47
Andover	26

In their last full week of the regular season, the Varsity Wrestlers brought home mixed results, securing their first winning record for dual meets in three years, but dropping contests to rivals Northfield-Mount Hermon and Brooks. The Grapplers finished 1-2 on the week, leaving their record at 10-7-1 as they head into the home stretch, with each of the next four weekends postseason tournaments. A highlight in the week's competitions was a win by Jardine Wall '04. Wall's victory against the Hoggers marked the first ever Varsity win by a female in a PA singlet.

In one of the most anticipated meets of the season, Andover played host to Class A powerhouse NMH on Saturday, as well as Tilton for the third time this season. The Andover Wrestlers knew that it would take a step up in order to topple the Hoggers, an undefeated team. The Boys in Blue, fired up for the occasion by Captain Leon Fay '04, took the mat against the Hoggers ready for a day of tough wrestling.

Despite a 10-6 win by Dan Hackney '05 at 171lbs and Evan Platt '06's thrilling 1-0 victory at 215, Andover found itself quickly losing 24-6. At 112lbs, Jardine Wall '04's second period pin cut back into NMH's lead and gave the Blue a needed boost.

PA then continued to bounce back with a second period 15-0 Tech Fall by Mark Shvartsman '05. After Jeff Pena '04 scored a 7-2 victory over a quality opponent at 130lbs and Fay pinned at 135, the NMH lead had reduced to only four points, with the score standing at 30-26. Unfortunately, PA's rally fell short, and after suffering three consecutive first-period pins at 140, 145 and 152lbs, the final score stood at 48-26 in favor of the second-ranked Hoggers.

In the second dual meet of the day, Andover was able to unleash its frustration upon a Tilton team that it had already defeated twice this season. After Lars Trautman '04 lost a heartbreaker at 160lbs, Andover rebounded with a pin by Hackney at 171 and a win by Ben Stone '04, a 20-3 tech fall at 189lbs. Andover rattled off five straight victories, with decisions by Gabe Worgaftik '06, Tom Treat '04, and Nick Constantino '04. After Fay lost a close match 16-12 at 135lbs, Taylor Yates '04 added a pin at 145. The day ended on a sour note as Phil Caruso '03 came up short in a 10-5 decision at 152. In the end, the Boys in Blue tallied another in the W column with a 37-18 victory.

On Wednesday, the Wrestlers took the short drive to nearby Brooks for a dual meet with the top-ranked ISL team. Boasting two returning Prep New England Champions, Brooks sauntered onto the mat to take on the visiting Big Blue.

Andover jumped out to a quick lead with impressive wins by Worgaftik and Shvartsman at 112 and 119lbs. Pena continued the Big Blue's winning streak, and by the end of the third match, PA was up 14-6. In a hard-fought match with the best prep wrestler in New England at 135, Fay fell behind quickly and ended up losing by tech fall.

Brooks capitalized on this momentum with pins at 140 and 145lbs. Down 8-6 going into the third period, Caruso was able to pull out a win at 152, pinning his opponent with two seconds left on the clock. A solid pin by Erik Trautman '03 at 171lbs finished the scoring for Andover, and Brooks took two forfeits at 215 and 275 to push the final score to 47-26.

Despite displaying some of their best wrestling of the season, Andover was unable to upset either Brooks or NMH. However, the Big Blue will get one last shot at glory when they wrestle third-ranked Exeter next Wednesday at home to close out their regular season. PA will also send a contingent of wrestlers to a wrestling tournament this Saturday, hosted by the Hyde School of Connecticut, in preparation for the Class A League Tournament the following weekend.

C. Harold/*The Phillipian*

Mark Shvartsman '05 dominates his Northfield Mount Hermon opponent, scoring a tech fall.

After Stellar Showing at Hyde Tourney, Exeter Bests Wrestling

by Phil Caruso
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter 50
Andover 27

The Varsity Wrestling team finished their regular season this week with two respectable performances, playing it safe and keeping its starting lineup healthy and rested for the Class A league tournament this Saturday. Despite leaving four starters at home, the Big Blue placed a respectable fifth in a pool of fourteen teams at the New England Invitational tournament hosted by the Hyde School of Connecticut.

Following their tournament over the weekend, Andover put up a furious rally against archrival Exeter last Wednesday. Despite their efforts, the Blue Grapplers fell short, losing their final dual meet of the season 50-27.

Last Saturday Andover sent thirteen wrestlers to compete in a tournament at the Hyde School in Connecticut. Two Andover grapplers were crowned champions and seven of their teamates placed. Leading the way were Jeff Peña '04 and Mark Shvartsman '05. Peña finally defeated his biggest rival and top-ranked 130-pounder from Hyde in a thrilling final match, while Shvartsman pinned Tom Treat '04 in the all-Andover final at 119lbs. Captain Leon Fay '04 took second at 135, while Erik Trautman '03 came back from injuries to take third at 171.

Also placing were Taylor Yates '04, who displayed some of the best wrestling of his Andover career to take third at 145, and Lars Trautman '04, who took fourth at 160. Unfortunately, Phil Caruso '03 suffered a concussion in his second match, an injury that would prove costly later in the week.

Fired up for their last home wrestling of the season, the Big Blue took the mat against nemesis Exeter on Wednesday. PA started the day on a sour note, however, losing two quick matches and started the match down 10-0. Exeter then took advantage of Caruso's absence by taking a forfeit at 152 with a JV wrestler and bumping up each of their three superstars to the next weight class.

The Big Blue used a furious rally to reclaim some of its dignity, winning five straight matches, with pins by Gabe Worgaftik '06, Shvartsman, Constantino and Fay, and a solid decision by Peña to finish the meet with the final score at 50-27 Exeter.

Andover Varsity Wrestling finished the season with an impressive dual meet record of 10-8-1, 6-4-1 in the Class A.

C. Harold/*The Phillipian*

Gabe Worgaftik '06 pins his Exeter opponent. Despite the Junior's efforts, the Wrestling squad still fell to the Big Red.

The Phillipian would like to apologize to the Girls Varsity Hockey team. The correct score of the Tabor game was:

Andover 3
Tabor 2

Good luck to the girls for the rest of the season.

PA Successful At Class A Championship Tournament

by Phil Caruso
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Varsity Wrestling team posted a strong finish to its season this week, placing 6th out of the fourteen teams in the Class A division at the League Championship tournament. Andover placed seven wrestlers in the top six of their weight classes, and the team score of 133.5 points was a huge jump from last year's mark of 100.5.

Leading the way were Gabe Worgaftik '06 and Mark Shvartsman '05, both of whom reached the finals and took home second place. Phillips Exeter Academy boasted five champions in winning their second Class A title in four years.

On Sunday, the Big Blue sent its three female wrestlers to compete in the New England Girls Tournament. The female grapplers fared even better, with Jardine Wall '04 and Kassie Archambault '06 both placing second in their weight classes.

The wrestling started early Saturday morning, and Andover advanced all twelve of its wrestlers into the second round, with a series of lightning quick pins and byes. With five wrestlers in the semifinals, the Big Blue were in good shape. Worgaftik and Shvartsman won their semifinals matches to advance at 112 and 119lbs, but Captain Leon Fay '04, Jeff Peña '04 and Nick Constantino '04 were knocked off and forced into the consolation bracket.

Also advancing in the consolations were Dan Fromson '05, who recorded his first varsity pin in his first round match, Lars Trautman '04, Taylor Yates '04 and John Atay '03. Phil Caruso '03 was knocked out early in the tough 152lb weight class, and fellow senior Erik Trautman '03 was forced to withdraw due to injury. In the end, Worgaftik and Shvartsman both placed second, while Fay and Peña battled back to take third in their classes. Yates and Constantino won their matches with last-minute heroics to take fifth at 145 and 125 respectively, while Atay manhandled his rival from Loomis to win his fifth-place match at 189.

On Sunday, Andover Wrestling's three girls traveled to Canton High School. Wall, the first Andover female ever to record a varsity win, led the Big Blue, scoring two dominating pins en route to a second place finish at the 118lbs weight class. Archambault followed suit, tearing through the first two rounds with pins before losing a close match in the finals to take second at 114. Lolita Muñoz '04 also wrestled well before an injury forced her to withdraw.

The Big Blue Wrestling team now looks ahead to sending its best to the Prep National Tournament this week, and the Prep New England Tournament a week later. With only three Seniors in the starting varsity lineup and six class A placewinners returning, the Andover Wrestlers can look forward to even greater successes next year.

BLUE GRAPPLERS WRESTLE SOLIDLY AT CLASS A'S, NE'S

by Phil Caruso
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

If 2003 was supposed to be a rebuilding year for PA's wrestling program, somebody forgot to tell the team. The Varsity squad overcame alleged inexperience, an injury-plagued Senior class and the graduation of 2002 Prep National Champion Dan Shvartsman '02 to bring home Andover's most impressive wrestling season in years.

Led by Captain Leon Fay '04 and Jeff Peña '04, the Big Blue posted its best dual meet record in three years, not to mention a solid sixth at the Class A Tournament. While cruising to a 10-8-1 record overall, PA's varsity wins included a thrilling, down-to-the-wire victory over Deerfield and three wins against Tilton to heat up the fledgling wrestling rivalry. Andover had gritty and tough performances against some of NE wrestling's powerhouses, from Loomis Chaffee and Northfield Mount Hermon to Exeter.

In his first season as Captain, Leon Fay '04 took the step to the next level of wrestling, racking up accolades and excelling in his new leadership role. In addition to receiving the Richard S. Peters Award for outstanding contributions to Andover Wrestling, Fay wrestled to a 23-11 record in dual meets and tournaments at the 135-pound weight class, third places at Northern New England's and Class A's, and fifth place at New Englands.

Joining Fay as Co-captain for 2004 will be Jeff Peña '04, winner of this year's Richard J. Lux Award for most improved wrestler. Although he received the top seed at the Class A tournament in the 130lb class, Peña faltered in the semifinals and was forced to settle for a bronze medal.

Unfortunately, John Atay '03 and Erik Trautman '03 were two wrestlers who were often unable to contribute because of nagging injuries. However, when they did wrestle, they met with success, as Atay's brute force won him six pins and a 13-7 record, as well as a fifth place finish at Class A's over his rival from Loomis. Trautman was limited to 10 dual meets on the season, and although he finished third at Northern New England's, was forced to withdraw from the Class A tournament after only two matches with shoulder problems.

Veteran leader Phil Caruso '03 is sure of coming PA success, saying, "With guys like Leon and Jeff leading the way and Mark, Gabe and Platt still improving, this team has a lot to look forward to."

SPRING
ATHLETIC SCHEDULE
2003

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts

***

Martha Fenton, Director
Kate Dolan, Assistant Director
Karen Kennedy, Scheduling Officer

www.andover.edu

Telephone
(978) 749-4080

2003 - SPRING ATHLETIC SCHEDULE - 2003

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Baseball (B V)	HAVERHILL HS (scrim)	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (B V)	Pingree	(A)	3:30
Lacrosse (G V)	MILTON (scrim)	(H)	3:30
Softball (G V)	LOWELL HS	(H)	3:15
Tennis (B V)	Belmont Hill	(A)	4:30

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Baseball (B V)	WATERVILLE HS	(H)	3:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Baseball (B JV1)	WORCESTER	(H)	1:00
Baseball (B VJ2)	B.B.&N.	(A)	1:30
Baseball (B V)	BRIOGTON ACAO (scrim)	(H)	1:30
Golf (V)	Tabor	(A)	2:15
Lacrosse (B V)	Wincester HS	(A)	11:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	OANA HALL	(H)	2:30
Lacrosse (G JV2)	DANA HALL	(H)	4:00
Lacrosse (G V)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH (scrim)	(H)	2:00
Softball (G V)	Haverhill	(A)	8:30
Tennis (B V)	Taft	(A)	2:30
Tennis (G V)	Oeerfield	(A)	1:00
Tennis (G VB)	CONCORO ACADEMY	(H)	2:30
Ultimate	N.M.H.	(A)	2:00
Volleyball (B JV)	CHOATE	(H)	12:00
Volleyball (B V)	CHOATE	(H)	12:00
Waterpolo (G V)	Williston/Hotchkiss	(A)	2:00

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Volleyball (B V)	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	(H)	3:45

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Baseball (B JV1)	CUSHING	(H)	3:30
Baseball (B V)	Tabor	(A)	3:15
Golf (V)	EXETER/GDA	(H)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Pingree	(A)	3:15
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Governor Oummer	(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (B V)	N.M.H.	(A)	3:30
Lacrosse (G JV1)	OEERFIELO	(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (G JV2)	Pingree	(A)	3:15
Lacrosse (G V)	OEERFIELO	(H)	3:15
Softball (GV)	Lawrence Academy	(A)	3:00
Tennis (B V)	CONCORO ACAOEMY	(H)	3:45
Tennis (G V)	TABOR	(H)	2:30
Track & Field (B V)	REAOING HS (scrim)	(H)	3:30
Track & Field (G V)	REAOING HS (scrim)	(H)	3:30
Ultimate	ANOOVER FRISBEE	(H)	3:30
Waterpolo (G V)	N.M.H.	(H)	3:15

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Golf (V)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	3:45

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Baseball (B JV2)	ST. JOHN'S PREP	(H)	3:30
Baseball (B V)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	3:45
Lacrosse (B JV1)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	(H)	4:30
Lacrosse (G JV2)	Milton	(A)	4:45
Softball (G V)	NOBLE HS	(H)	4:00
Tennis (B V)	GROTON	(H)	4:15
Tennis (G V)	GOVERNOR OUMMER	(H)	4:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Crew (B V)	Kent	(A)	2:00
Crew (G V)	Kent	(A)	2:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	MASCONOMET	(H)	1:00
Lacrosse (B V)	PORTSMOUTH ABBEY	(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (G V)	K.U.A.	(H)	3:30
Tennis (B V)	N.M.H.	(H)	3:00
Tennis (B VB)	N.M.H.	(H)	3:00
Tennis (G JV)	GOVERNOR OUMMER	(H)	1:00
Tennis (G VB)	GOVERNOR OUMMER	(H)	1:00
Track & Field (B V)	Oeerfield/Taft	(A)	2:30
Track & Field (G V)	Deerfield/Taft	(A)	2:30
Volleyball (B V)	LAWRENCE HS	(H)	1:00
Waterpolo (G V)	CHOATE/SUFFIELD	(H)	2:15

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Baseball (B JV1)	Haverhill HS	(A)	3:30
Baseball (B JV2)	GR. LAWRENCE TECH	(H)	3:30
Baseball (B V)	CUSHING	(H)	3:15
Cycling	Tilton	(A)	2:30
Golf (V)	HOLDERNESS	(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	HYDE (ME)	(H)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV2)	TOPSFIELD ALL-STARS	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (B V)	BRIOGTON ACADEMY	(H)	4:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:15
Lacrosse (G JV2)	SHORE COUNTRY OAY	(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (G V)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:15
Softball (G V)	K.U.A.	(H)	3:45
Tennis (B JV)	Tabor	(A)	3:00
Tennis (B V)	TUFTS	(H)	3:30
Tennis (B VB)	Tabor	(A)	3:00
Tennis (G JV)	TILTON	(H)	2:30
Tennis (G V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	2:45
Waterpolo (G V)	EXETER	(H)	2:30

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Volleyball (B V)	ANOOVER HS (scrim)	(H)	3:45

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Lacrosse (G JV1)	Shore Country Day	(A)	4:00
Ultimate	NEWTON NORTH	(H)	3:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Baseball (B V)	Worcester (DH)	(A)	11:00
Crew (B V)	St. John's/Simsb/Exeter	(A)	3:00
Crew (G V)	Simsbury/Exeter	(A)	3:00
Cycling	Adelphia USCF	(A)	9:00
Lacrosse (B V)	HYDE (ME)	(H)	2:00
Lacrosse (G V)	GROTON	(H)	1:15
Tennis (G V)	Choate	(A)	1:30
Tennis (G VB)	Choate	(A)	1:30

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Baseball (B JV1)	NORTH READING HS	(H)	2:15
Baseball (B V)	Harvard	(A)	3:00
Cycling	Holderness	(A)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	CHELMSFORO HS	(H)	2:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	BERWICK ACAOEMY	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (B V)	HOLOERNESS	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (G JV1)	PINKERTON	(H)	4:15
Lacrosse (G JV2)	PIKE SCHOOL	(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (G V)	PtNKERTON	(H)	5:30
Softball (G V)	NORTH READING HS	(H)	2:00
Tennis (B JV)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	4:00
Tennis (B VB)	ANDOVER HS	(H)	2:00
Tennis (G JV)	Winsor	(A)	3:00
Tennis (G VB)	Winsor	(A)	3:00
Track & Field (B V)	TEWKSBURY HS	(H)	3:30
Track & Field (G V)	TEWKSBURY HS	(H)	3:30
Ultimate	N.M.H.	(H)	3:30
Volleyball (B V)	Lawrence HS	(A)	2:30

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Tennis (G V)	CENTRAL CATHOLIC (scrim)	(H)	3:15
Tennis (G VB)	CENTRAL CATHOLIC (scrim)	(H)	3:15

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Golf (V)	NEW HAMPTON	(H)	4:15

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Baseball (B JV1)	Lex. Christian	(A)	1:45
Baseball (B JV2)	BROOKS	(H)	1:45
Baseball (B V)	N.M.H. (DH)	(H)	1:00
Crew (B V)	SALISBURY	(H)	3:00
Crew (G V)	Brooks/Middlesex	(A)	2:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	OEERFIELO	(H)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV2)	PROCTOR	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (B V)	OEERFIELO	(H)	2:30
Lacrosse (G JV1)	PROCTOR	(H)	2:00
Lacrosse (G JV2)	PROCTOR	(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (G V)	Taft	(A)	2:30
Softball (G V)	NAZARETH/CUSHING/TABOR	(H)	2:00
Tennis (B V)	Deerfield	(A)	TBA
Tennis (B VB)	Oeerfield	(A)	TBA
Tennis (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	3:30
Tennis (G V)	Exeter	(A)	3:30
Tennis (G VB)	Exeter	(A)	3:30
Track & Field (B JV)	N.M.H./MILTON	(H)	1:00
Track & Field (B V)	N.M.H./MILTON	(H)	1:00
Track & Field (G JV)	N.M.H./MILTON/SPS	(H)	1:00
Track & Field (G V)	N.M.H./MILTON/SPS	(H)	1:00
Volleyball (B JV)	TBA		TBA
Volleyball (B V)	TBA		TBA
Waterpolo (G V)	N.M.H./Loomis	(A)	1:00

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

Volleyball (B V)	HAVERHILL HS	(H)	3:30

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Golf (V)	St. Mark's	(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Pinkerton	(A)	5:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	CHELMSFORO HS	(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (B V)	Pinkerton	(A)	5:00
Lacrosse (G V)	Governor Dummer	(A)	3:00
Softball (G V)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Tennis (B JV)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Tennis (B V)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Tennis (B VB)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Ultimate	HAVERHILL FRISBEE	(H)	3:30
Waterpolo (G V)	WILLISTON NORTHHAMPTON	(H)	3:30

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Baseball (B JV1)	ST. JOHN'S PREP	(H)	3:30

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Baseball (B V)	B.B.&N.	(A)	4:30
Golf (V)	Tilton	(A)	4:45
Softball (G V)	NEW HAMPTON	(H)	4:00
Tennis (G V)	NEWTON COUNTRY OAY	(H)	4:15

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Baseball (B JV1)	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	(H)	2:00
Baseball (B JV2)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:00
Baseball (B V)	EXETER (DH)	(H)	2:00
Crew (B V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	3:00
Crew (G V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	3:00
Golf (V)	Oeerfield	(A)	3:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Loomis	(A)	4:00
Lacrosse (B V)	Loomis	(A)	4:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Tabor	(A)	4:30
Lacrosse (G V)	Tabor	(A)	3:00
Tennis (B V)	Milton	(A)	4:00
Tennis (B VB)	Middlesex	(A)	4:00
Tennis (G V)	N.M.H.	(A)	3:15
Tennis (G VB)	N.M.H.	(A)	3:15
Track & Field (B JV)	ANDOVER HS	(H)	2:30
Track & Field (B V)	ANDOVER HS	(H)	2:30
Track & Field (G JV)	ANDOVER HS	(H)	2:30
Track & Field (G V)	ANDOVER HS	(H)	2:30
Volleyball (B V)	St. John's Prep (scrim)	(A)	3:00

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Cycling	Gould	(A)	11:00

MONDAY, MAY 5

Softball (G V)	Brooks	(A)	3:45

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Volleyball (B V)	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	(H)	3:45

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Baseball (B JV2)	GR. LAWRENCE TECH	(H)	3:30
Baseball (B V)	Cushing	(A)	3:15
Crew (G V)	LOWELL HS	(H)	4:00
Golf (V)	Thayer (Braintree)/BBN	(A)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	CONCORO HS	(H)	4:30
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Pingree	(A)	3:15
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Milton	(A)	4:45
Lacrosse (G JV2)	BROOKWOOO SCHOOL	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (G V)	Milton	(A)	3:15
Softball (G V)	SHAWSHEEN TECH	(H)	3:30
Tennis (B V)	MOSES BROWN	(H)	4:00
Tennis (B VB)	MILTON	(H)	3:15
Tennis (G JV)	Middlesex	(A)	2:15
Tennis (G V)	Milton	(A)	3:15
Tennis (G VB)	Milton	(A)	3:15
Track & Field (B JV)	CUSHING	(H)	3:30
Track & Field (B V)	CUSHING	(H)	3:30
Track & Field (G JV)	CUSHING	(H)	3:30
Track & Field (G V)	CUSHING	(H)	3:30
Ultimate	Maconomet	(A)	2:45

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Tennis (G JV)	PIKE SCHOOL	(H)	3:45

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Baseball (B JV1)	Oeerfield (DH)	(A)	1:45
Baseball (B JV2)	GOVERNOR OUMMER	(H)	1:00
Baseball (B V)	Oeerfield (DH)	(A)	1:45
Crew (B V)	TABOR/EXETER	(H)	3:00
Crew (G V)	TABOR/EXETER	(H)	3:00
Cycling	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Golf (V)	GDA/Exeter	(A)	2:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	MASCONOMET	(H)	1:30
Lacrosse (B JV2)	LOOMIS	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (B V)	K.U.A.	(H)	6:30
Lacrosse (G JV1)	LOOMIS	(H)	5:00
Lacrosse (G JV2)	LOOMIS	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (G V)	LOOMIS	(H)	3:30
Softball (G V)	Oeerfietd	(A)	1:45
Softball (G V)	Stoneleigh-Burnham	(A)	4:00
Tennis (B JV)	PINGREE	(H)	2:30

This schedule subject to change. We encourage you to check our website tor updates. www.andover.edu

Tennis (B V)	CHOATE	(H)	11:15
Tennis (B VB)	CHOATE	(H)	11:15
Tennis (G V)	LOOMIS	(H)	3:00
Track & Field (B V)	Andover Boosters	(A)	10:00
Track & Field (G V)	Andover Boosters	(A)	10:00
Volleyball (B JV)	Choate	(A)	2:30
Volleyball (B V)	Choate	(A)	2:30
Waterpolo (G V)	Deerfield/Suffield	(A)	2:00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Baseball (B JV1)	MALDEN CATHOLIC	(H)	3:30
Baseball (B JV2)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Baseball (B V)	TABOR	(H)	3:15
Cycling	Proctor	(A)	2:30
Golf (V)	RIVERS	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	TOPSFIELD ALL-STARS	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (B V)	Moses Brown	(A)	3:30
Lacrosse (G JV1)	NASHUA NH	(H)	4:45
Lacrosse (G V)	NASHUA NH	(H)	3:30
Tennis (B JV)	FESSENDEN	(H)	3:15
Tennis (B V)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Tennis (G V)	THAYER	(H)	3:00

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Tennis (G V)	ANDOVER HS (scrim)	(H)	3:30
Ultimate	MASCONOMET	(H)	3:15

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Softball (G V)	BIG EAST TOURNAMENT	(H)	4:00

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Baseball (B JV1)	LOWELL TECH	(H)	3:30
Baseball (B JV2)	PINGREE	(H)	1:30
Baseball (B V)	Tournament (Holy Cross)	(A)	9:00
Crew (B V)	N.M.H.	(A)	1:00
Crew (G V)	N.M.H.	(A)	1:00
Cycling	Profile School	(A)	11:00
Golf (V)	Exeter/GOA	(A)	2:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	TABOR	(H)	1:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Proctor	(A)	2:00
Lacrosse (B V)	TABOR	(H)	1:15
Lacrosse (G V)	Tournament	(A)	9:00
Softball (G V)	BIG EAST TOURNAMENT	(H)	9:00
Tennis (B JV)	Cushing	(A)	2:00
Tennis (B V)	Tournament	(A)	9:30
Tennis (B VB)	Cushing	(A)	2:00
Tennis (G JV)	BROOKS	(H)	1:30
Tennis (G VB)	BROOKS	(H)	1:30
Track & Field (B V)	Interscholastics N.M.H.	(A)	10:00
Track & Field (G V)	Interscholastics N.M.H.	(A)	10:00
Volleyball (B JV)	TBA		TBA
Volleyball (B V)	TBA		TBA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Baseball (B JV1)	ANDOVER HS	(H)	3:00
Baseball (B JV2)	MILTON	(H)	3:15
Cycling	Exeter	(A)	6:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (B V)	MALDEN CATHOLIC	(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	BROOKS	(H)	4:30
Lacrosse (G JV2)	MILTON	(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (G V)	BROOKS	(H)	3:00
Tennis (B JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Tennis (B VB)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Tennis (G JV)	EXETER	(H)	2:00
Tennis (G V)	EXETER	(H)	3:00
Tennis (G VB)	EXETER	(H)	4:00
Ultimate	Exeter	(A)	3:15

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Tennis (B V)	ANDOVER HS (scrim)	(H)	3:45

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Lacrosse (G JV1)	Exeter	(A)	6:00
Lacrosse (G V)	Exeter	(A)	6:00
Softball (G V)	B.B.&N	(H)	4:45

SATURDAY, MAY 24

Baseball (B JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Baseball (B V)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Crew (B V)	Interscholastics	(A)	10:00
Crew (G V)	Interscholastics	(A)	8:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Lacrosse (B V)	Exeter	(A)	3:00
Softball (G V)	Exeter (DH)	(A)	2:00
Tennis (B V)	Tournament	(A)	12:00
Tennis (G V)	NEPSAC	(A)	9:30
Track & Field (B JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (B V)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (G V)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Volleyball (B V)	Choate Tournament	(A)	11:00
Waterpolo (G V)	Exeter	(A)	2:00

Fans' Code of Conduct

Phillips Academy strives to encourage good sportsmanship throughout our athletic program, and this includes good fan behavior. We expect all spectators at our contests to be respectful of athletes, coaches, officials and other spectators. Fans are encouraged to applaud the efforts of their team and should not engage in any behavior that is critical, distracting, or derogatory toward opponents or officials. We believe it is imperative to let the athletes, coaches, and officials play the game. Fans can be an "extra person" for their squad, supporting and cheering on their side, but our school will not permit any behavior that detracts from the proper conduct of the game or disadvantages an athlete or team.

CAPTAINS AND COACHES

BASEBALL
Kyle Murphy, Adjalay Nyadjroh, Captains
Andy Cline, Coach

BOYS' CREW
Taylor Washburn, Captain
Peter Washburn, Coach

GIRLS' CREW
Meryl Mims, Captain
Kathryn Green, Coach

CYCLING
Peter Sletson, Captain
Derek Williams, Coach

GOLF
Anthony Pucillo, Captain
Nat Smith, Coach

BOYS' LACROSSE
Jesse Bardo, Captain
John Dugan, Coach

GIRLS' LACROSSE
Barbara Badman, Captain
Kate Dolan, Coach

SOFTBALL
Ashley May, Captain
Peter Drench, Coach

BOYS' TENNIS
Simon Hawkins, Captain
Tom Hodgson, Coach

GIRLS' TENNIS
Tara Gadgil, Anne Snyder, Captains
Leon Holley, Coach

BOYS' TRACK
Chimaobi Izeogu, Captain
Lou Bernieri, Corbin Lang, Coaches

GIRLS' TRACK
Katherine Olesk, Captain
Lou Bernieri, Corbin Lang, Coaches

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL
James Chou, Captain
Clyfe Beckwith, Coach

GIRLS' WATERPOLO
Kimberly Walker, Captain
Elizabeth Meyer, Coach

ATHLETIC ADVISORY BOARD CO-CHAIRS
Jesse Bardo & Nyssa Liebermann

SPRING TEAM RESULTS 2002 – 2003

BASEBALL B V 12W – 3L
- Baseball BJV1 8W – 2L
- Baseball BJV2 2W – 5L

CREW B V 1st at Interschols

CREW G V 2W – 4L

CYCLING New England Champs

GOLF

LACROSSE BV 8W – 3L
- Lacrosse BJV1 5W – 4L
- Lacrosse BJV2 5W – 3L

LACROSSE G V 10W – 2L
- Lacrosse GJV1 5W – 4L – 1T
- Lacrosse GJV2 2W – 4L – 1T

SOFTBALL G V 7W – 5L
- No JV team

TENNIS B V 5W – 6L
- Tennis BVB 3W – 4L
- Tennis BJV 2W – 4L

TENNIS G V 6W – 3L
- Tennis GVB 3W – 4L
- Tennis GJV 2W – 2L

TRACK & FIELD BV 1st @ Interschols

TRACK & FIELD GV 2nd @ Interschols (2W – 4L)

ULTIMATE 2W – 4L

VOLLEBALL BV 4W – 6L
- Volleyball BJV 0W – 3L

WATER POLO GV 2W – 11L

06/04/2003

SPORT: Baseball

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: Kyle Murphy, Adjatay Nyadjroh

MANAGER:

COACH: Andy Cline, Hale Sturges, Tom McGraw

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 12 **LOST** 3 **TIED** 0

Letter Winners

Barber, Nicholas
Chiozzi, Paul
Church, Thomas
Crabtree, Adam
DeOssie, Zackary
Gallagher, Justin
Gallagher, Rory
Hoesley, James
Kennedy, Thomas
McGravey, Kevin
Murphy, Kyle
Nyadjroh, Adjatay
Rattigan, Lee
Schaefer, Justin
Schneider, Cory
Sinclair, Beryl
Walter, William

Boys Baseball

			PA	OPP
Wed. 4/2/2003	(H)	HAVERHILL HS Scrimmage	5	2
Fri. 4/4/2003	(H)	WATERVILLE HS	cancelled	
Sat. 4/5/2003	(H)	BRIDGTON ACADEMY	cancelled	
Wed. 4/9/2003	(A)	TABOR	cancelled	
Fri. 4/11/2003	(H)	BELMONT HILL	cancelled	
Wed. 4/16/2003	(H)	CUSHING	6	3
Sat. 4/19/2003	(A)	WORCESTER	5	3
			9	3
Wed. 4/23/2003	(A)	HARVARD	2	5
Sat. 4/26/2003	(H)	N.M.H.	11	0
Fri. 5/2/2003	(A)	B. B. & N.	9	2
Sat. 5/3/2003	(H)	EXETER	13	1
			3	2
Wed. 5/7/2003	(A)	CUSHING	5	3
Sat. 5/10/2003	(A)	DEERFIELD	14	5
			11	1
Wed. 5/14/2003	(H)	TABOR (doubleheader)	9	11
			4	0
Sat. 5/17/2003	(A)	TOURNAMENT (HOLY CROSS)		
		Worcester Academy	2	0
		Exeter	1	2
Sat. 5/24/2003	(A)	EXETER	cancelled	

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
VARSITY BASEBALL
2003 ROSTER

No.	NAME	POS	YR	HT	WT	B/T	HOMETOWN
22	Barber, Nick	P, INF	'03	6'2"	190	R/R	Cambridge, MA
8	Chiozzi, Paul	C, OF	'03	5'10"	175	R/R	Andover, MA
18	Church, Tom	P, INF	'05	6'0"	145	R/R	New York, NY
33	Crabtree, Adam	P, 3B	'04	6'5"	185	R/R	Homosassa, FL
21	DeOssie, Zak	1B, OF	'03	6'4"	215	R/R	No. Andover, MA
9	Gallagher, Justin	OF, INF	'03	6'0"	195	L/R	Orefield, PA
23	Gallagher, Rory	OF	'03	6'2"	180	R/R	Lowell, MA
11	Hoesley, Connor	INF	'04	6'2"	215	R/R	Lake Forest, IL
15	Kennedy, Tom	P, OF	'03	6'0"	160	R/R	Lawrence, MA
5	McGravey, Kevin	P, INF	'04	5'9"	180	R/R	Lawrence, MA
10	Murphy, Kyle	INF	'03	5'8"	175	R/R	Plymouth, MA
1	Nyadjroh, Adjatay	OF	'03	6'1"	195	R/R	Somerville, MA
7	Rattigan, Lee	P, OF	'03	5'9"	170	R/R	Bedford, NH
25	Schaefer, Justin	P, 1B, OF	'05	6'3"	200	R/R	North Reading, MA
17	Schneider, Cory	C, OF	'04	6'2"	195	R/R	Marblehead, MA
2	Walter, William	P, INF	'03	5'10"	165	R/R	Andover, MA

Captains: Kyle Murphy '03
Adjatay Nyadjroh '03

Coaches: Andy Cline
Hale Sturges
Tom McGraw

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Mngr: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller

Baseball

5/17/2003
Exeter Edges Andover In Tourney Finals
On a day when good pitching dominated good hitting and good defense was on display throughout the Central New England Prep School League's Balckburn Tournament, the Andover ball club got outstanding performances from both Tom Kennedy and Adam Crabtree but came up just short of winning a third consecutive league championship. In the opening round, Exeter (#2) played Tabor Academy (#3), and PA, the top seed with a 10-1 regular season league record, took on Worcester Academy (#4) with Andover winning 2-0. John Henry Davis pitched well for the Hilltoppers, limiting Andover to just 2 runs on 8 hits and 1 walk, but Tom Kennedy was even tougher for the Blue. TK struck out 8 and walked only 1 while pitching a complete game 4-hit shutout. Both of Andover's runs came from Zak DeOssie, who singled in the second and fourth innings, both times stole second, and later scored from third on an infield grounder by Justin Gallagher in the second inning and on an RBI single from Kevin McGravey in the fourth. DeOssie, Adam Crabtree, and Kyle Murphy all made excellent plays in the infield in support of Kennedy's pitching.

Andover moved on to the tournament finals to face their rivals Phillips Exeter who had defeated Tabor 7-1. Again the Blue found themselves locked in a pitchers' duel with Adam Crabtree allowing PEA just 2 hits and 2 runs while striking out 9 and walking 5. While such a stat line is good enough to win most times out, unfortunately, the Blue offense was able to score only one run off Exeter's senior left-hander Sean Murnane who allowed only 3 hits and 3 walks. Andover got on the board first in the third inning when Adjatay Nyadjroh drew a one-out walk, stole second and, after another walk to Paul Chiozzi, stole third. Kyle Murphy, one of PA's top hitters all season, hit a line drive to deep centerfield. It sufficed as a sacrifice fly to bring in the run, but had it been a little left or right, the inning might have produced even more for the Blue. Crabtree and the defense held the lead until the fifth when two walks sandwiched around a single loaded the bases with two outs for the Red. A single to left by Exeter's Ryan Lapointe drove in two, with the second run scoring just ahead of Lee Rattigan's throw to the plate. Murnane was tough the rest of the way, and two double plays by the Exeter infield wiped out possible PA scoring opportunities.

The team looks forward to a re-match with Exeter in the traditional season-ending game on Saturday, May 23 at PEA.

5/14/2003
Baseball Team Splits Doubleheader With Tabor
In an unusual Wednesday doubleheader, the Blue hosted the Tabor Seawolves in a regularly scheduled game plus a make-up of a game which had been canceled due to weather on April 9. The game turned out to be an offensive explosion, with the two teams combining for 23 hits and 20 runs, but PA came out on the short end of an 11-9 score, suffering their first league loss of the season. Tabor's Pat Lucey was the hitting star with two home runs and 5 RBI's. For the home nine, Adjatay Nyadjroh and Paul Chiozzi each had a pair of hits, while Kyle Murphy and Adam Crabtree each had two RBI's. In the second game Nick Barber and Tom Church combined for a 2-hit shutout, as the Blue won

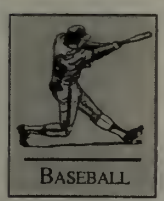
Baseball

4-0 in a game called after 6 innings due to a curfew. Barber pitched the first four, striking out 3 while only walking only 1, to earn the win. Nyadjroh had two more hits and an RBI for the Blue. PA faces Worcester Academy in the first round of the Central New England Prep School Baseball Tournament this Saturday at Holy Cross. The game is scheduled for 12:30, and the two winning teams from the first round will meet at 3:00 for the championship.

BASEBALL BESTS HILLTOPPERS IN DOUBLE HEADER

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	5
Worcester	3
Andover	9
Worcester	3
Harvard JV	5
Andover	2


BASEBALL

The Andover Baseball team proved that it can outlast its competition as it swept Worcester Academy in its first double header of the season. In the first game, the Big Blue claimed victory with a final score of 5-3, and furthered that margin with a second win with a score of 9-3. Coach Andy Cline attributed the team's success on the road to "solid pitching and defense along with opportunistic offense."

The Big Blue pitching staff followed the solid lead that Tom Kennedy '03 set from the mound in the first five innings of the first game. In his first pitching appearance thus far this season, Kennedy struck out nine of the Rams' batters and only allowed three hits. Of his performance, Kennedy said, "I had my ups and downs today. I had a great first couple of innings but soon after that my arm got tired. Luckily, I was being backed by a really good team! The boys were strong defensively and were also able to manufacture enough runs to dig me out of my jam."

The Andover defense proved particularly strong during both games this Saturday. Adam

Continued on Page 11, Column 5

Harvard Proves Too Much For Andover on Wednesday

Continued from Page 12, Column 6

Crabtree '04 appeared out of his usual position at the mound to play left field and turned into outstanding defensive play. In the bottom of the fifth inning, a Worcester batter crushed the ball to left field and the crowd expected the hit to elude the lanky Crabtree. However, he used his long legs to hunt down the ball and made a spectacular catch of which he said, "the ball hung in the air and Adjatay [Nyadjroh '03] really helped me get a good jump on the ball." Also shining defensively for the Big Blue was Co-captain Kyle Murphy '03 as short stop. During the fifth inning of the second game, Murphy actively helped the team on each play. The second batter for the Rams slammed a ball into Murphy's territory that hit Murphy in the chin. However, Murphy simply passed the ball to Zak DeOssie '03, and shook off the injury by proceeding to make two more plays that ended the inning. Such a performance led Coach Cline to praise Murphy as "anchoring the Andover defense."

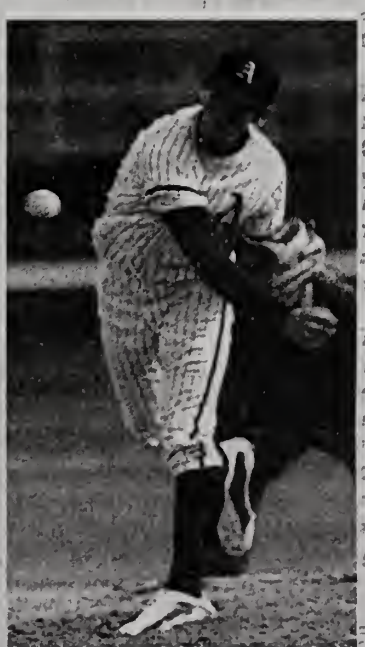
The pitching staff also gave a solid performance that helped Andover's victory. Following Kennedy's performance, Lee Rattigan '03 took the mound opposite Cory Schneider '04 to close the game. He pitched a perfect game in the final two innings and finalized Andover's first win of the day at 5-3. In the second game, Kevin McGravey '04 utilized his fastball and speed pitches to strike out two batters in his five innings on the mound and scattered four hits, allowing the other team only one run. McGravey explained, "It wasn't my best performance but I was happy that I could go out there and grind one out to help the team win. I'm looking forward to getting up their more and improving." After his five innings, McGravey handed the ball and a 9-3 lead to Nick Barber '03, who kept the score steady.

Co-captain Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 continued to pressure the Worcester pitchers with his quick leads and speed around the bags. In total, Nyadjroh was at the plate eight times and managed to get on base seven times. In the fifth inning, with two outs already against Andover, Nyadjroh got up to bat and tripled. He then scored on a passed ball and put Andover into a lead that they would not relinquish.

Later, Adjatay said, "I just had a really good day. I made the pitcher throw a lot of pitches and refused to be an easy out by putting the ball in play and putting a lot of pressure on the defense with my speed."

Crabtree also contributed a solid effort. His hit in the fourth inning of the first game, as Nyadjroh describes, "hit into the upper stratosphere and into the eastern hemisphere. It was an absolute monster shot." Of his own hit, Crabtree said, "the pitcher was in a hole and had to throw a good pitch which I luckily got a hold of. It felt good coming off of the bat." Rounding out the batting depth of the Big Blue's rotation were Will Walter '03, who had two hits in the second game as well as an RBI. Also, consistent hitter Paul Chiozzi '03 had three hits to his name during the course of the day.

On Wednesday, the Big Blue traveled to Harvard to take on the Crimson's JV squad. Unfortunately, Andover was unable to perform solidly, and lost with a final score of 5-2. As DeOssie aptly put it, "everyone has their bad days; unfortunately all of us had it today. But I figure at least we got it out of our system in a non-league game." As DeOssie mentioned, though the team lost to Harvard, they are still undefeated in Central New England Prep league and hold the highest seed with a record of 3-0. The Big Blue will take on NMH this coming Saturday for their first double header at Phelps Field.


F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

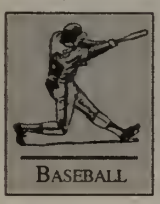
Adam Crabtree '04 fires towards homeplate.

Baseball Defeats Deerfield Big Green in Doubleheader

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	5
Cushing	3
Andover	14
Deerfield	5
Andover	11
Deerfield	1
Tabor	11
Andover	9
Andover	5
Tabor	0

Not even the perfectly manicured grass of what is undoubtedly the most beautiful field in the Central New England Prep League could hide the ugliness that Andover's Big Boys unleashed against Deerfield last weekend. After feasting on Exeter's red meat, PA devoured Deerfield's Big Green eggs and ham this weekend, thrashing the opponent with a final score of 14-5 and 11-1 in their doubleheader.


BASEBALL

In the top of the first inning, Andover celebrated a quick 5-0 lead. Helping the team get off to its impressive start were Co-captain Kyle Murphy '03, Zak DeOssie '03, Adam Crabtree '04, Connor Hoesley '04, and Justin Gallagher '03, who all notched RBI's. With enough momentum from the first inning, the Big Blue's bats didn't stop swinging and thus, did not stop dominating. Co-captain Murphy led the team in hits, totaling three in the first game. Murphy reflected later, "I felt kind of bad for the Deerfield kids because we played them last year for the title and this year they just had nothing against us. But it was nice to get out there; we looked pretty good – we were doing the little things well, which is going to continue to be important to our success."

Also hitting well for Andover in the first game were Crabtree, Nyadjroh, Paul Chiozzi '03, Lee Rattigan '03, and Kevin McGravey '04, who all contributed two hits to the first game. Chiozzi also led the game in RBI's, racking up a total of four. Crabtree and Nyadjroh had two, following closely behind. Said Nyadjroh, "It was really nice to see us all hitting well. We've been working hard on making sure we can get men in and hit the ball to the best possible position on the field for any given play, so I think we've come a long way."

In total, the Big Blue had 12 hits, a statistic that dwarfs Deerfield's 5. The real difference, however, lay in total errors: the Blue made only one and the Deerfield team made eight throughout the course of the game. McGravey explained, "I think we really got into their heads and shook them up a bit. You could tell their spirits were broken after the first inning."

Helping out from the mound, starter Tom Kennedy '03 and closer Tom Church '05 kept the Deerfield bats at bay in the first four innings. Kennedy gave up only two runs on four hits while he was pitching. Church also did a commendable job closing, allowing only five hits and three runs, not bad for the up-and-coming sophomore pitcher who will be an integral part of the Big Blue pitching staff in the coming years. Coach Cline commented on Church's performance, "He didn't allow any walks which is a key stat when you're pitching with a lead."

In the second game, ace pitcher Crabtree took command of the mound. When all was said and done, Crabtree had averaged two strikeouts per inning for a total of 15 K's on the day, an impressive feat considering he had played third base in the first game. McGravey explained, "Crabtree's

Continued on Page B6, Column 2

J. Bovaird/ *The Phillipian*

Kevin McGravey '04 slings a fastball towards homeplate. The improving hurler pitched a whale of a game for Andover.

Hoesley '04 Hammers Out Three RBIs, Two Doubles

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

slider was working really well for him out there. They didn't really have a chance at hitting pitches like that."

Crabtree not only contributed defensively but offensively as well. In the third inning of the game, he crushed a ball approximately 330 feet to leftfield, resulting in a three-run homer. In total, Crabtree finished the day with four RBI's to his name.

Also standing out offensively was Hoesley, who racked up three RBI's with three hits, two doubles and a single. Rattigan made two more hits in the second game, improving his total to four. However, his impressive speed in the outfield awed both the Green and Blue supporters. On other occasions, Rattigan showed his guns with outstandingly accurate long distance throws that quelled the ambitions of the Deerfield base runners.

DeOssie also looked sharp at first base, as he "got dirty," as Coach Cline would say, on a few occasions when he dove off the base to prevent hits. A seasoned athlete, DeOssie said, "It's all about hustle, in any sport really, and we've got that."

Prior to the Deerfield game, the Blue took on Cushing for the second time on the road, managing to hold off the fierce Penguins for a victory of 5-3. Nick Barber '03 and Rattigan took to the mound for the Blue to start and close the game respectively. They were up against tough competition from the Cushing pitcher, but managed to hold the lead steady. They most certainly could not have managed a win without the outfield, though. Consistency from Co-captains Murphy and Nyadjroh again anchored the defense, and catcher Chiozzi made several good plays, as well. Chiozzi said, "We've been doing a good job of keeping the ball down in the zone, and also including a good mix of off-speed pitches. Lately, with Cushing and Deerfield, we've noticed that bringing the fastball inside more often can be pretty effective against some hitters. The staff's key to success has been keeping guys off balance and throwing strikes."

Commenting on the game, Barber said, "It was great to beat Cushing for the second time. It felt good to chalk up another win and our momentum is going to carry over into the championship. Right now I don't think there is any team in the league better than ours. We just have to keep up the good work, and no one can stop us."

Unfortunately, despite Barber's words, the Big Blue suffered its first in-league loss this past Wednesday in the team's first game against Tabor in a mid-week doubleheader, with a score of 11-9. Commenting on the first game, Coach Tom McGraw said, "The guys came out and just thought they could win by showing up. They forgot how to approach the game. ... I guess you get lulled into a sense of invincibility if you've played well in the season–but baseball isn't like that, each game is a new set of circumstances." They saved some face in the second game, however, winning 4-0.

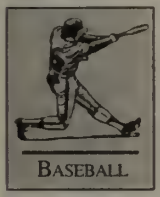
Addressing the difference in the second game, McGraw said, "We got a few runs off the weaker Tabor lefty pitcher, and Nick Barber saved us today, and Church looked real good too, as opposed to the pitching in the first game, in which our big guns unfortunately went to sleep out there. Nick was persistent, it was just a real good thing–it picked us up, but we can do better." The Big Blue is doing its best to shake off these two subpar games and to take home the three-peat title at this Saturday's league tournament at Holy Cross.

Prep Championship Dreams Die Hard As Baseball Takes Second

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	2
Worcester	0
Exeter	2
Andover	1

All good things must come to an end as the Big Blue Baseball team found out last Saturday when it fell to archrival Phillips Exeter Academy in the Central New England Prep Championship Game. Last weekend, the Boys in Blue traveled to Holy Cross to face Worcester Academy, taking a well-earned 2-0 victory. The PA squad struggled in its next game against Exeter, failing to play up to its potential, falling 2-1.



Pitching for the Blue against Worcester in the morning was Tom Kennedy '03. Kennedy exhibited yet another strong performance from the mound, despite suffering from a sore arm and shoulder going into the game. Commenting on how he felt, Kennedy said, "I was a bit nervous before the start of the game because I had the feeling it was going to be close and that put a lot of motivating pressure on me to come away with a victory that started the day on the right foot." Helping out Kennedy were the overzealous Worcester batters who hacked at many of his balls and thus kept his pitch count to a minimum. In total, Kennedy struck out eight men and walked only one.

J. Bovaird/ *The Phillipian*

Co-captain Kyle Murphy '03 prepares to slug a shot to the outfield during Andover's 2-1 finals loss to Exeter.

Zak DeOssie '03, who reached base in the second and fourth innings via two singles, scored both of Andover's runs. DeOssie managed to steal second on both occasions and was then knocked in by an infield hit by Justin Gallagher '03 and an RBI single from Kevin McGravey '04 Surprisingly, neither McGravey nor Gallagher played in the second championship game against Exeter even though their bats supplied game winning hits in the game against Worcester.

Adam Crabtree '04 took the mound in the second game of the afternoon against Exeter. After keeping a tight shift on third base during the first game, Crabtree was visibly tired, but still had an amazing showing as he lead the battle against PEA and their left

Continued on Page B3, Column 5

J. Bovaird/ *The Phillipian*

Tom Kennedy delivers towards the plate in Saturday's win over the Worcester Academy baseball team.

Baseball Falls to Exeter In Heartbreaking Title Game

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

handed ace pitcher Sean Murnane. Crabtree struck out a total of nine Big Red batters and allowed just two hits while walking five men.

With the bases loaded and only one out against Exeter, Crabtree dug in to strike out the next batter and then kept his cool as the final batter of the inning hit a long pop-up that teammate Lee Rattigan '03 caught for the out. Catcher and Athlete of the Term Paul Chiozzi '03 said that it was Crabtree's fastball that was working best for the Blue against Exeter. However, Crabtree said that he felt "squeezed by the umpire" at times even though he said he was "throwing well and felt pretty good, except [the umpire] wasn't calling much a strike unless it was right down the middle of the plate." Crabtree's performance against Exeter and his prowess all year earned him the title of League MVP. A humble star, Crabtree, is the first to admit that he would have been unable to achieve all that he did without such a solid defense behind him.

Heading that defense again were Co-captains Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 and Kyle Murphy '03. Both Murphy and Nyadjroh were named to the All-Star team along with Crabtree and Chiozzi. Both captains were solid in their positions as center fielder and short stop respectively.

One impressive play that proved exemplary of Murphy's strength came in the team's first game against Worcester. Murphy single-handedly made a double play in which he showed good hustle to tag a runner out as he made his way to second base and then ripped the ball to DeOssie at first to get the batter out.

Nyadjroh's skills were left relatively unused in centerfield as very few hits were even sent his way, but he was an integral part of the team's success with his at bats. Nyadjroh, who finished the season with a batting average of .356, was responsible for running the bases to score what would turn out to be Andover's only run of the game. In the third inning, Nyadjroh walked with one out. Chiozzi then walked and Murphy stepped in to execute a beautiful sacrificial bunt that scored Nyadjroh from third. Nyadjroh was also very close to starting another scoring rally in the fifth inning when he got up to bat with Rattigan, the team's fastest runner, on base and no outs. In most cases, this situation would call for a sacrificial bunt. In the hopes to get the runner into a scoring position Coach Cline called for a hit and run. Nyadjroh hit the ball, but unfortunately right into the glove of the Exeter second baseman who turned a cool double play.

Andover's troubles came in the fifth inning when, with the bases loaded from two walks and a single, Exeter's Junior standout Ryan Lapointe '06 got a hold of a fast ball inside and dragged it out to left field allowing ample room for two runners to score. Bolstered by their twin runs, Exeter's pitcher Murnane stayed strong, so strong that even Andover's mighty offense could not overcome him. Also helping the Big Red of Exeter were the two double plays they turned in the sixth and seventh innings.

Andover and Exeter will meet once more for their annual post-season exhibition game tomorrow up at Exeter. It should be a high- spirited and intense game as it will be the last for the Big Blue's ten graduating seniors.

Paul Chiozzi '03

Baseball

by Mac King
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Like most American males, Paul Chiozzi '03 was introduced to the game of baseball at a young age by his father, learning to catch and throw in the safety of his own backyard. "He taught me all the basics at a young age, so I picked up on the fundamentals pretty quickly," says Chiozzi. Chiozzi rose up from the backyard of the Chiozzi family household, getting his start playing t-ball at age five, to become a very gifted athlete.

Chiozzi's best memories of playing the game occurred when he was twelve while playing Little League. As a proud member of the All-Star team, Chiozzi was able to play almost every day that summer. His team qualified for the selective Little League tournament in Cooperstown New York, where he was elected to represent his team in the home run derby.

As a catcher Chiozzi made the Varsity team here at PA his lower year and has been a dominating force ever since. Chiozzi, known fondly as "Cheech" by some of his closer teammates, has been on two Central New England Championship teams and has caught for some of the best pitchers this Academy has ever seen.

This spring season Chiozzi batted a whopping .455 in the number two spot of the batting order, the second best average in the league. His fondest memory playing for the Big Blue, other than winning two championships, was hitting a homerun last year against Tabor Academy Seawolves that got his team back in the game.

This year has been an especially successful and memorable year for Chiozzi. Despite the team's loss in the championship game, Chiozzi has played a much bigger role in the success of the team and his leadership on and off the field has been unparalleled. With this great attitude, a superb year of catching, and, as Paul modestly put it, "a pretty good year at the plate," Chiozzi was a large contributing factor to his team's success.

Pitching ace and two-time Central New England League MVP Adam Crabtree '04 said of teammate Chiozzi, "Cheech has always been a hardworking kid and he learned a lot from [former captain] Ben Chang '02 over the past couple years. This year he finally got his chance [to start everyday], and he stepped up big. In fact he did so well that I believe he has a good chance of walking on at Boston College. As a catcher and a pitcher it took Paul and I a little while to get used to each other, but as Paul got more of a feel for the game, we got to the point where Paul knew every pitch I was going to throw. Paul is a great kid and really rose to the challenge this year."

Mirroring pitcher Crabtree's thoughts almost exactly was Kevin McGravey '04 as he observed, "Chiozzi experienced limited playing time his first year on the team but made the right decision in sticking with baseball and did a really nice job this year; his improvement was incredible. He also did a nice job handling the pitching and came up big with some clutch hitting."

Along with being a very talented athlete Chiozzi is most importantly a team player and a genuinely nice guy. Unsurprisingly, Chiozzi attributes much of his successes in baseball to his coaches and teammates at Andover.

Chiozzi is a fantastic athlete, playing for both the Andover Hockey and Baseball teams, and a genuinely kind person. He is the 2003 recipient of the Ayars Prize, an award given to a senior who has shown superior character in his interactions in the Phillips Academy community. Chiozzi will be playing with Andover Legion over the summer and will matriculate to Boston College next year. Although Chiozzi does not plan on playing baseball for the BC Eagles, he still has not ruled out the possibility entirely.

Chiozzi has reason to consider a college baseball career, as he was the second best hitter in the league for the majority of the season, and with Cory Schneider's '04 injury showed particularly great stamina, sometimes playing for entire double-headers. Chiozzi has contributed greatly to the baseball program here and his presence will be sorely missed.

Chiozzi expresses his deep love for the 0baseball, saying, "I'll always love baseball, whether I'm playing or just watching." So long Paul, Andover Baseball will truly miss you.

Kennedy Posts No-Hitter in Doubleheader Sweep of Phillips Exeter Baseball Squad

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

[illegible]over	9
[illegible]&N	2
[illegible]er	13
[illegible]	1
[illegible]over	3
[illegible]ter	2

Even for the defending New England Baseball Champions, victories simply do not get better than those of this past weekend. The PA club beat out its league rival BB&N with a final score of 9-2, and then proceed around to defeat Phillips Exeter Academy in a double header on Saturday.

In the first game, the Andover squad crushed Exeter 13-1, due largely to a no hitter from Kennedy '03. In the second game, the Blue squeezed by the Big Red in an intense seven inning long battle with Adam Crabtree '04 firing pitches that secured the team's 3-2 victory.

The Andover pitchers, Kevin McGravey '04, Kennedy, and Crabtree, stole the spotlight this weekend, each delivering impressive games. Of all the outings, Kennedy's was one of the most memorable in recent Andover baseball history. Knowing that he had to get things started on the right foot, Kennedy threw an amazing first game. He struck out a total of ten Exeter batters, and induced seven outs on ground balls to the infield.

Exeter's only run came as a result of two walks early on in the second inning. Of his performance, Kennedy said, "I felt great even just warming up in the bullpen before the game. My first ten pitches in the pen felt so good that I decided to end my warm up early and save some of them for the game. I think that helped me stay confident in my pitches during the game and not get down because I was able to use that confidence to keep the Exeter batters off balance."

Kennedy also noted the importance of having catcher Paul Chiozzi '03 as his counterpart, saying, "I think Paul and I really knew how to keep them guessing as to what was coming." As it turns out, Kennedy's performance was a no-hitter, affectionately called a "no-no" by his teammates.

J. Bovaird/ *The Phillipian*

Co-captain Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 slaps a base-hit in Saturday's victory over PEA.

Kennedy reflected, "I was having one of the best games in my career and I really wanted this one, especially against Exeter. Everything just came together."

In the first inning of the second game, the dreaded Exies scored two runs to bring the score to 2-0, in favor of the Big Red. However, Crabtree "hung tough" in the words of Andover's Coach Andy Cline and managed to allow only one more hit against him and struck out a grand total of thirteen men.

In the sixth inning, Crabtree

Continued on Page 10, Column 1

Tops League Rival BB&N

Continued from Page 12, Column 6

proved that he was, and always will be, the true King of the Hill. With the bases loaded behind him, he coolly struck out the next three batters to retire the side.

Commenting on his teammate's performance, Co-Captain Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 said, "Adam showed a great deal of heart and showed why he is both the league MVP from last year and one of the best players on our team. I have never seen a high school pitcher battle the way he did – it was simply a beautiful display of pitching."

Of his performance on Saturday, Crabtree said, "I had to do my job and keep the lead down so that we could get right back in the game. I was successful because I was throwing the ball hard and threw all off-speed pitches for strikes, which kept the batters off balance. I still don't think I've had a game where I'm at my best, but I'm getting there. But that's what's great about this team. I know that the team will always pull through because there are so many talented guys behind me and that added to the confidence that I really needed on Saturday to mentally get me through that game."

It is exactly that team depth that the Big Blue has been working so hard to develop. Its work has paid off, evidenced by the team's solid defensive plays this weekend.

Consistently strong center fielder Nyadjroh commented on his and shortstop Co-captain Kyle Murphy '03's views on the importance of defense saying, "Both Kyle and I take pride in performing defensively because we both know that defense and pitching are what ultimately prevents the other team from scoring and wins ball games."

Murphy also explained, "Baseball is an interesting and intense sport because it's really the only sport in which the team on defense gets to control what's happening with the ball for the most part so you have to be sharp out there and have your head up." Examples of "heads up" defensive plays abounded this weekend. Standing out were plays such as McGravey's slick catch in the bottom of the fifth inning at BB&N. He tossed the ball to Zak DeOssie '03 for a quick and easy out.

Also in the BB&N game, Nyadjroh made a stellar effort to track down a fly ball hit to center in the bottom of the fourth. Though he was unable to make the catch, his aggressiveness and speed kept the BB&N runner nervously on first base.

In the Exeter games, the team stepped up its play, as Kennedy kept the Exeter bats at bay. In the second game, Nick Barber '03 made a diving catch in the third inning to stop a ball hit by Exeter's number three hitter. In the fourth inning, Paul Chiozzi '03, DeOssie, and Crabtree turned in a smart play to get an errant Exeter runner out at first. Also, finishing the game in style, Murphy made a great play on a ground ball up the middle to get the batter out at first.

The stamina that the Big Blue's catcher, Chiozzi, displayed last weekend was phenomenal. With Cory Schneider '04 nursing a bad ankle, Chiozzi stepped up and caught a total of 19 innings in the span of two days.

Not only did Chiozzi turn in a solid performance at the catcher position, he was also strong offensively, contributing three hits in the game against BB&N and two hits against Exeter in the doubleheader. Chiozzi is currently ranked as the second best hitter in the league, with an average of .500 behind Exeter's Wallace who has an average of .586.

The Big Blue also had many impressive offensive plays. One of the most important plays took place during the second game against Exeter. With time running out in the game, Andover went into the sixth inning still dragging by two runs. Inspired by Crabtree's impressive pitching, the Blue stepped up and it was all over.

A rally started when both Murphy and DeOssie got on base with infield singles. Crabtree was up next and slammed a ball to left field that managed to run in Murphy to score PA its first run. Connor Hoesley '04 took up the bat and made a beautiful sacrificial hunt that actually got him to first base when the Exeter second baseman made an error.

Then the hero stepped up to bat – that's right, Justin Gallagher '03. He rocked a single through the infielders that sent DeOssie and Crabtree home to bring the score to 3-2. The humble PG said later, "I was just trying to get the ball in play. I hate Exeter and we smoked them, I'm just glad I could make a play when we needed it."

This week the Boys in Blue take on the Cushing Purple Penguins and the Deerfield Big Green on the road. The Deerfield doubleheader is a highly anticipated one, as the last time the Big Blue last clashed with the Big Green for the 2002 New England Championship title.

Athlete of the Week

Tom Kennedy '03

"You could tell from the start that [Kennedy] was going to be unstoppable... It was his day, and everything was working for him." —Teammate Lee Rattigan '03

by Wes Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

This past Saturday in the first of two games against rival Phillips Exeter, Tom Kennedy '03 dazzled the Big Red hitters with a barage of fastballs and curves. Inning after inning Kennedy posted zeros on the Phelps Field scoreboard and whispers began around the stadium. With three outs to go in the top of the ninth, Exeter had yet to manage a hit on the game.The magic continued, as Kennedy did not yield to the pressure of a 2-1 game with the Big Red, and finished his brilliant no-hitter.

The performance wowed all who witnessed it, but his teammates were just only mildly surprised, as they had known that Kennedy's great game was in the works. Teammate Zak DeOssie '03, said of the game, "I've known Tom for a long time now, and I've seen him pitch over many summers. I always knew he was this good, it was only a matter of time before he showed PA how well he can pitch."

Lee Rattigan '03 shared DeOssie's sentiments, saying, "You could tell from the start that he was going to be unstoppable. TK [Kennedy] came out firing the ball. It seemed like there was a little bit extra juice on each fastball he threw against Exeter. It was his day and everything was working for him."

Kennedy started out playing the great American pastime early in life. Kennedy recalled, "I grew up in a baseball-fanatic family which influenced me to play... It was too long ago to remember but my dad tells me that I first picked up a bat when I was three and he began teaching me how to play."

His childhood ball-playing brought him up through the ranks of little league, and it was in the Lawrence Babe Ruth League that he experienced his favorite baseball moment, a perfect game of five innings.

Coach Andy Cline told of Kennedy's rise through the ranks of the Andover baseball program, syaing, "As a JV pitcher during the ninth and tenth grades, he was the team's top pitcher despite the fact that he did not throw very hard at all. He had excellent control, kept the ball down in the strike zone, and had good movement on his pitches. Last year, Tom was recovering from a broken arm and, after he got healthy, did not have many opportunities to pitch with the other guys we had on the staff. But it was clear that he was starting to mature physically and get more pop on his fastball... With more speed on his fastball to go with his very good curveball, excellent control, and movement, he now has all the ingredients to be a very successful high school and college pitcher."

There all the time to support Kennedy in his baseball endeavors has been his father. "My dad is by far my biggest supporter when I'm on the mound. I can't remember the last time he missed one of my games. He's always there through good and bad times and always offers good advice after games. It's hart to imagine playing a game without him there cheering me on..... or screaming at the umpires."

On top of all of these accolades Kennedy also knows how to choose the best team in baseball, a "dedicated Red Sox fan," Kennedy is proud of his Boston heritage.

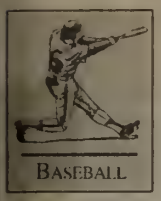
The rest of the team this year is quite impressive as well. Kennedy said of the team, "We have an extremely talented group of guys and we have plenty of depth in each position. We are boasting a 7-1 record so far and we hope to continue our journey towards another championship season (3peat)."

Tom's composed poise on the mound is the characteristic most admired by Coach Cline, "Along with tom's talent as a pitcher, I can't stress enough the importance of his composure and focus when he is on the mound. He is absolutely unflappable, and that plays a big part in his ability to be successful in clutch situations like last Saturday." This composure will surely bring Kennedy great things in his pitching future.

Two-Time Defending Champions Knock Off Cushing; Murphy's Bat Powers PA Attack

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**6**
Cushing	**3**



Spring is officially here, and to usher it in with style the Big Blue baseball team beat Cushing 6-3.

Adam Crabtree '04 took to the mound and threw to catcher Paul Chiozzi '03. The infield consisted of Zak DeOssie '03 at first, Nick Barber '03 at second, Co-captain Kyle Murphy '03 as short stop, and new comer Conner Hoesley '04 at third. The outfield housed some of the team's fastest runners with Lee Rattigan '03 playing left, Co-captain Adjatay Nyadjroh '03 at center. Rounding out the offense, Rory Gallagher '03 manned right field. With so much strength and experience in the field, it wasn't long before the combination of Crabtree's powerful pitches and the players' level of skill for such an early season game overwhelmed the Cushing line up. Though he acknowledged and praised the team for having such a successful defensive performance so early on in the season, assistant Coach Tom McGraw also said the offense has room to improve because, "This is a team that's still learning how to play with one another so we're working on gaining familiarity. We're learning how we all play the game and how to work better with each other." He predicts that as the season progresses the team, and especially the defense, will become more loosely confident in themselves and in their teammates. As is the case in any team sport, this increased confidence should prove to help the defense make quick and cohesive plays in crucial situations. With the promise of nicer skies ahead, this process of team acclimation should be swift as the team will have many more chances to play outside in their element. Crabtree pitched six of the seven innings and Barber stepped in to close the [illegible]. Commenting on his pitching Crabtree said, "It wasn't my best performance, but it was really nice to finally get outside for a game and work out the kinks. Overall we did well though."

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Adam Crabtree '04, Andover's Baseball Ace, fires in a fastball. Led by Crabtree's stalwart pitching, the Blue knocked the Cushing Penguins off, 6-0.

After making an incredible play in the second inning in which he literally flew off the ground at second base to catch a quick line drive down the center, Nick Barber took the mound in the seventh inning to close the game with what Coach Cline referred to as "wonderful poise." "I was excited by that play. I made in the second inning," said Barber, "and I was glad I could be strong in the end for the team. It was good first game all in all." Other notable defensive plays were turned in by Rattigan and Nyadjroh who put their incredible speed to use in tracking down numerous fly balls and line drives. Also, Andover turned a number of double plays, which they have been working to perfect in practice. Hoesley turned two cool double plays from his hot corner position. Also showing incredible hustle defensively, Murphy, at short stop, made several jaw dropping plays. In the fifth inning, Murphy made a quick catch of a powerfully hit line drive that surprised the crowd and the Cushing bench.

Andover kept a controlling pressure on the Cushing line-up, with their champion nature shining through in their offensive depth. In the first inning, Murphy set the standard for offensive play for the Big Blue. Batting third, he watched the Cushing pitcher carefully and settled for a walk. However, more importantly, Murphy showed a lot of hustle and intelligence as he was making his way around the bases. As Cline put it, "Kyle made some real heads up plays." He was able to get to second after the Cushing pitcher overthrew to the first baseman in an attempt to quell Kyle's aggressive leads of the base. Similarly, Murphy made it to third base on a pitch that the catcher fumbled and lost control of. While Murphy was on third, DeOssie was walked and then Hoesely came up for his first at bat as a varsity player. He crushed the ball down the center for a double that sent both DeOssie and Murphy in. "Connor had a really great coming out day," said DeOssie.

Down the line, the Andover bats were composed and relaxed for the most part, which was to their advantage over the Cushing pitcher who seemed to be a little rusty after the winter and who was throwing very spastically. "I thought we swung at good pitches which was good because usually it's a first game malady that you go out and swing at anything – so we hit some balls pretty strongly on the nose", said Cline.

Coach Cline continued to comment on the offensive momentum saying, "We've been working on steals and stressing the importance of getting guy on third. I also really liked the team's speed but we'll be looking to turn them loose a little bit more in the next coming games."

McGraw also praised the offense saying, "We spread offense around ... everyone who played contributed. We ran the bases well and we didn't miss any signs and executed the little things well – like hitting behind the runner and bunting which can make a huge difference and put a lot of pressure on the other team."

As Barber aptly put it, "You can't win them all if you haven't won the first one." And the Big Blue did exactly that this week against Cushing's tough competition.

ZAK DeOSSIE '03

Football - Basketball - Baseball

by Wes Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

At 6'5", he is a towering figure, either in the huddle, manning first base, under the boards, or even strolling around campus. During his Senior year, the Press Club Award winner as well as the MVP of the football team, Zak DeOssie '03 towered over his competition and made his mark on Andover athletics. His is a legacy that is sure to survive in the archives of Andover history for years to come. His performances on the varsity football, basketball, and baseball teams have been outstanding, and it is for these shows of athletic prowess that he is honored as a *Bertucci's* Athlete of the Year.

Although DeOssie is a great three-sport athlete, football is his passion. Any Andover fan who has attended a football game at Phelps Stadium during DeOssie's tenure on the team surely can recognize his great skill. As captain, he led the team just as he played: exceptionally. Teammate Jordan Nottke '05 said, "Zak's a great guy. He was a great captain because he always cared about the younger guys and helped us out."

The leadership that DeOssie held on the field extended far beyond captain; as quarterback, DeOssie was something of an on the field coach, the man who led his Blue-clad troops into battle every Saturday this past fall. DeOssie combined leadership with a cannon of a right arm to power the Big Blue football team to great heights, and his play earned him team MVP honors.

DeOssie has devoted a lot of time to the football team and is always sure to step it up a notch in clutch situations. DeOssie had to reach back into his memory banks to recall his most defining memory of Andover football. "Andover/Exeter my freshman year," DeOssie stated, "when I first walked onto the field and saw 9,000 fans screaming for us. Right then it hit me how big of a tradition Andover/Exeter really is. From then on, I made sure I would bring my best level of play onto the football field every Saturday." This devotion to performance carried the Big Blue to many victories.

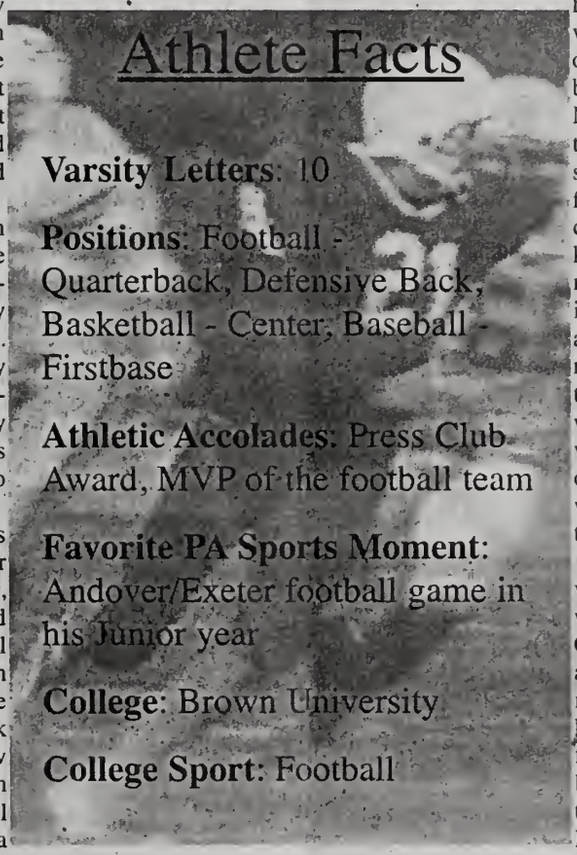
Next year DeOssie will attend Brown University to play for the Bears' football team and possibly basketball team as well. He plans to dedicate as much effort to the Bears as he has shown towards the Blue. "I am moving to my father's house in Boston at the beginning of the summer in order to start my summer work out early at Brown and hopefully get a head start."

DeOssie's position on the team is yet to be finalized, but he is willing to contribute in any way to benefit the team. Said DeOssie, "They recruited me as a quarterback, but I honestly believe that defense is my quickest way onto the field."

Football greatness runs in the bloodline for DeOssie. Zak's father, Steve DeOssie, followed up a stellar football legacy at Boston College with play in the NFL for the New York Giants and the New England Patriots. An outstanding special teams player as well as a solid linebacker, DeOssie Sr. took it upon himself to teach Zak all he knows about the game.

DeOssie remembers the many hours his father dedicated to teaching him the game, and especially recalls the distinctive manner with which his father has supported him. Said DeOssie, "My father has been there for me all the time. I would be in the middle of practice out on Siberia, and it would do me good to look over and see him sitting in his lawn chair, smoking a stogie while watching the team. He was always helping me with my throwing and always giving me tips on how to play harder defense. Not only is he my #1 supporter, but he is my best friend as well."

Zak's mother is another unending source of support. DeOssie was eager to credit his success to his mom, saying, "My mother got me involved with all my sports and has spent countless hours at my games. I am very grateful for everything she has done for me, especially raising my sisters and me all by herself. I owe her everything."



Coaching has been another essential aspect of DeOssie's successful tenure at PA. There have been many important influences for DeOssie: "Coaching has been wonderful here for me. Fortunately, Coach Mo and I have been together for a long time and he and I have enjoyed a great four years. Not only has he been very helpful on the fields, but he has been sort of my father figure on campus, always willing to give a helping hand. This past basketball season was fun for both of us, our last season together. I am very fortunate to have had a coach like Coach Mo for so long; he and I are good friends and will always keep in touch."

DeOssie continued, "Coach Cline has been has also been one of the best coaches I have had. He taught me a lot about the game of baseball and helped me develop into a ballplayer. Not only was he a great coach, but he always made sure we were enjoying ourselves on the diamond. Last but not least is Coach McGraw, the best mentor I have had at this school. Every since my freshman year, when he coached me on JV basketball, I learned that not only is he an amazing coach, but he also is an incredible teacher. I never worked harder than I did when I was with Coach McGraw, who inspired everyone of his player to play with pride and intensity."

Coaches have had very good experiences with DeOssie as well. Coach Leon Modeste, affectionately nicknamed "Coach Mo," has coached DeOssie for football and basketball and has witnessed the two distinct roles DeOssie plays in the different sports. Said Modeste, "Here's a guy who's a star in football, but in basketball he is willing to do the hardball dirty work that needs to be done."

Modeste went on to say, "Zak is always out there, encouraging his teammates and conversing with his coaches... he's always positive, never has he said or done anything negative, he is always doing what he thinks is best for the team."

Modeste was also very proud to say that "[Zak's] never got into any trouble. He's of sterling character. You hear about all these athletes in the pros and college who get into bad situations. Zak isn't like that."

DeOssie is not solely a football player, and he has also contributed to the varsity basketball and baseball teams. In basketball, he serves as a kind of enforcer, regulating the court and dominating rebounds. DeOssie's basketball identity is this position, as exemplified by his most cherished basketball moment. "When I set my first pick sophomore year and my opponent fell to the floor... that set the tone for my style of play for the next three years. Andover needed a rebounder, so I got down in the paint and threw some elbows."

In baseball, DeOssie plays first base and can patrol the outfield if and when Coach Cline calls on him. His enthusiasm permeates the team in the same way it does in football and basketball.

He cites his defining baseball moment as the 2002 championship, recalling, "I had seen the PA ball club rise from a mediocre team into two-time championship team, and I was just honored to be a part of it and eager to do whatever it took to help the team."

Pitcher and teammate Tom Kennedy '03 was impressed with DeOssie's athletic prowess and leadership not only in baseball, but in everything he has done at Andover. Kennedy shared, "Zak is one of the best athletes I've ever known. He always strives to do better in everything he does, and that is what sets him apart from everyone else. He's developed into a great all-around athlete and is an integral part of each one of his teams."

In his move from the Big Blue to the Bears of Brown DeOssie is stepping it up. He is destined to compete in the Ivy League, playing teams such as Harvard's legendary Crimson and Princeton's Tigers, and the PA athletic community wishes him well in his endeavors.

Baseball Places a Disappointing Second at New England Tourney

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Under the guidance of Co-captains Kyle Murphy '03 and Adjatay Nyadjroh '03, the Andover team strove to win the coveted Central New England Prep Championship title for the third year in a row. While the Blue failed, they still placed a solid second to the Big Red. The team, coached by Andy Cline. Hale Sturges, and Tom McGraw will be graduating a total of 10 Seniors this year that will be greatly missed.

Two of the most influential Seniors on the team were the Co-captains, Murphy and Nyadjroh. Murphy, who plans to attend Union College in the fall to play both football and baseball for the Dutchmen, anchored the infield as shortstop this year. Commenting on the strong Senior core of the team, Murphy said, "It was great to have so many Seniors because it made us more mature and better prepared to handle tough situations. Baseball has made my time at PA enjoyable. It was the most fun part of my time here and it was great because almost all of my best friends were on the team." On countless occasions throughout the season, Murphy's quick intuition as shortstop helped to make crucial outs for the Big Blue.

Nyadjroh was similarly impressive as the lead-off hitter for the Blue and a stellar centerfielder. His speed was an integral part of the Blue's success both in the outfield and around the bases. The winner of the Phelps Award, Nyadjroh is a natural motivator and was selfless in his play this season. In the fall, Adjatay will be attending Brown University and plans to play both football and baseball for the Bears.

Joining Nyadjroh at Brown are Zak DeOssie '03 and Justin Gallagher '03. DeOssie will quarterback the Bears, but was nonetheless important to the Big Blue this year as a towering first baseman. DeOssie was consistent and always aware of the defensive situations around him. Gallagher, an experienced PG hailing from Pennsylvania, was a natural leader for the Blue. His solid play in right field and general utility athleticism shone through in his time at Andover.

J. Bovaird/ *The Phillipian*

Tom Kennedy '03 fires a fastball. Kennedy had a successful 2003 campaign pitching a no-hitter in the Exeter game.

PG Lee Rattigan '03 was also an added bonus to the PA lineup. Rattigan is the highest profile player graduating from the team this year. Recruited to play baseball at the University of Richmond next year, Rattigan will join the Spiders' top 20 baseball program.

Tom Kennedy '03, a pitcher plagued by injuries throughout his PA athletic career, surprised players and fans this season. Pitching one of the only no-hitters in recent Andover memory against Exeter, Kennedy said he was proud of the outcome of the season, even if it was not what the team had hoped for. "Baseball has been the most enjoyable aspect of my entire PA experience. Most of the Seniors on the team have been together for at least three, and in some cases, four years. We are all very good friends and that has made it much easier to be successful throughout the years." Kennedy plans to attend St. Anselm's College, where he will play baseball.

Stepping up as the starting catcher this year was Paul Chiozzi '03. Chiozzi, who will attend Boston College in the fall, also had a stellar season, especially in terms of his hitting. He ended the year with an average of .462 and six RBI's. Chiozzi's combination of thoughtful catching and power hitting earned him a berth on the All-Star team for the league. Joining Chiozzi on the All-Star team were Adam Crabtree '04, Murphy, and Nyadjroh.

Nick Barber '03 was influential this year as a closing pitcher and was also instrumental at second base. He plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania and will be playing baseball for the Quakers. Reflecting on his experience as a Big Blue baseball player Barber said, "I will always be an Andover baseball fan. This year's team is the closest-knit group I have ever been a part of. Everyone has been very supportive of his teammates and we all helped each other to play at a higher level."

Rory Gallagher '03, who did a good job out in right field and fielding for the Blue, will be attending Miami University and will not be continuing his baseball career at the collegiate level. William Walter '03, who will attend Williams College, plans to continue playing ball on a local legion team this summer, but plans to focus on squash in college.

Next year's team will be gunning to avenge the disappointing end to this year's season and recapture the title for Andover. However, as Chiozzi explains, "We all know what it takes to become a championship caliber team, and next year's team will find motivation easily because they know they have some serious shoes to fill – just as this years team did. And they also have a title to win back."

ADJATAY NYADJROH '03

Football - Basketball - Baseball

by Wes Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

"Speak softly and carry a big stick." Add run like the wind and hit like a freight train, and you would think Teddy Roosevelt's favorite proverb was meant for Adjatay Nyadjroh '03. Nyadjroh's quiet demeanor has not muted his success stories, because his accomplishments speak loud enough on their own. For the past four years, Nyadjroh has been a huge part of the PA athletic program. His superlative play on the Varsity Football, Basketball, and Baseball teams has made Nyadjroh an indispensable piece of Andover athletics. As his basketball and football coach Leon Modeste said, "Adj is very talented and gifted, but very quiet. He's like a sphinx, strong, dependable, always there for you, but doesn't say much."

Nyadjroh's preferred sport is baseball, though he has contributed soundly on the basketball and football teams as well. A four-year member of the Varsity Baseball squad, Nyadjroh has been a major driving force on a team with two league championships and a second place finish this year. When asked to pinpoint a specific best moment in his baseball career, Nyadjroh replied, "In baseball, I have had many defining moments, but just being the only member on the team to say that he has been on the team for four years, and winning two New England titles, those are special." Nyadjroh also mentioned, his spot on the all-conference team the past two seasons. "Finally," Nyadjroh said, "this year being voted as the league's representative in an Eastern Massachusetts All-Star game was special."

Like any successful athlete, Nyadjroh has a huge base of support. "My parents are my biggest supporters; they have made a lot of sacrifices to assure that I get the exposure I need in both an academic and athletic setting." Always there to guide him in addition to his parents have been his coaches. "I have also had many coaches who have been willing to invest their time and energy to assure that I reach my athletic potential. The coaches Mr. McGraw (JV Baseball), Coach Mo, and Coach Cline have made more than just my PA athletic career a success. They have really supported in everything that I have pursued here, and I know that without their guidance and support I could not have accomplished as much as I have."

In his four years on the Varsity Baseball team, Nyadjroh has earned the respect of his coach Andy Cline. Nyadjroh has shaped into a scout-worthy player over the years in Cline's program.

Cline commented, "I'm glad to share some thoughts about Adj, who has been such a big part of our team and our success during the past four years. You might say that his ninth grade year was a learning year because he had lots of talent but was pretty raw. But then again, his devotion to the game, his hard work and his commitment always to make himself a better ballplayer has made every year a learning year. He has made big improvements every year in his approach to hitting, his technique in the outfield, the accuracy of his always strong throws, and his understanding of the mental part of base running to complement his excellent speed, and on and on."

Cline continued, boasting about Nyadjroh's teamwork and leadership. "As I think back to his Junior year, Adj also learned a lot about being part of a team. That was not a great year for our ball club in terms of team chemistry, but the young players on the team learned quite a bit about how not to behave as teammates, and that paid big dividends in the ensuing years. In Nyadjroh's four years on the varsity, Andover won 50 games, going 42-14 in the last three springs and earning two Central New England Prep School League championships (2001 & 2002).

This year, as Co-captain along with Kyle Murphy ['03], Nyadjroh has been an excellent emotional leader and a leader by his hard work, concentration, and hustle. He put a tremendous amount of effort into his own play, but always took time to care about his teammates, to help with equipment, and do the other little things that help make a good team come together."

Thanks to Nyadjroh's remarkable speed and acceleration, he patrols centerfield for the Blue. In a May 2002 *Boston Globe* article that laid out Nyadjroh's baseball prowess, it was said that "Nyadjroh's biggest asset is clearly his speed. He runs down line drives in center field in much the same manner as he closes in on wide receivers coming across the middle on the football field: with reckless abandon."

Nyadjroh has been fielding college offers for a while, but has settled on Brown University. There he will join a host of other PA athletic standouts, including friend and fellow Bertucci's Athlete of the Year Zak DeOssie '03.

Nyadjroh is not a purely defensive player. Coach Cline also recognized Nyadjroh's skill with the bat as an essential trait: "On offense he has become a very fine lead-off hitter, combining his hits with numerous walks and times hit by pitch. He also had 35 career RBI's and 37 stolen bases. He was twice a League All-Star in 2002 and 2003, when he hit .373 and .356 with a combined .518 on-base percentage. Two at bats I remember in particular were rally starters in very big situations.

"A year ago in the tournament championship game, Deerfield jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, and even though we were the number nine-ranked team, the tone of the game could have gone their way if we did not respond in the bottom of the first. Adjatay led off with a single to center on the first pitch he saw, and before the inning was over, we had scored 6 runs to take the lead and, as the top of the order came around again, he hit a double to drive in the sixth PA run of the inning."

Cline also remembered, "This year we were trailing Exeter 1-0 in the first game of a doubleheader and facing a tough pitcher. Adj led off the third inning with a double to right center and again triggered a 6-run Andover rally that propelled us to victory in that game and a doubleheader sweep. These were just a couple of his 59 career hits, but it gives you a sense of how much he has meant to our team. He will be greatly missed."

Nyadjroh's sterling personality draws reverence from many who know him. Adam Crabtree '04, pitcher and teammate, said of Nyadjroh, "Adj has been my personal PA role model for the past 2 years. He has helped me battle through the hardships that I have had on, and more importantly, off the field. Without his guidance and assistance I can say that I would not have turned out to being close to the player or person I am today. His leadership, attitude, and desire will be missed more than any other leaving this school and I know he will continue to succeed at Brown next year."

This all-around skilled athlete is worthy of all the attention he gets, even if his modesty prevent him from trumpeting himself up. His skills are outstanding, maybe even major-league caliber. He is one of the many athletes of the Class of 2003 whom the PA community can remember fondly as it continues to strive to uphold its reputation on the playing fields.

SPORT: Boys Crew

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: Taylor Washburn

MANAGER:

COACH: Peter Washburn

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Ed Quattlebaum, Henry Wilmer

SEASON RECORD

Won Interschols

WON_____LOST_____TIED_____

Letter Winners

Anderson, Tara
England, Will
Green, Anthony
Green, Travis
Kirk, Garrett
Silverstein, Scott
Wu, Di
Beattie , Sam
Ginsberg , Jake
Lesnick, Tom
MacMillan, Jon
McKallagat, Greg
Minasian, Alex
Panich, Evan
Perkins, Jasper
Sherman , Sarah
Washburn, Taylor
Yamartino, Bob

Boys Crew

			PA	OPP
Sat. 4/12/2003	(A)	KENT	W	
Sat. 4/19/2003	(A)	ST. JOHN'S/SIMSB/EXETER	L	
Sat. 4/26/2003	(H)	SALISBURY		
Sat. 5/3/2003	(H)	ST. PAUL'S	WIN	
Sat. 5/10/2003	(H)	TABOR/EXETER	win	
Sat. 5/17/2003	(A)	N.M.H.	win	
Sat. 5/24/2003	(A)	INTERSCHOLASTICS	first	

Both PA Boys and Girls First Boats Fall In Nailbiters to Phillips Exeter Academy's Crews

by Evan Panich & Cat McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Boys Crew

No one likes to lose.

But at least the Big Blue Crew Squad knows that they are within striking distance of the defending the New England Champs, none other than archrival Phillips Exeter Academy. This past weekend at Lake Quinsigamond's Regatta Point Park in Worcester, Andover's first boat fell to Exeter at the Worcester invitational by a mere second, but bested last year's NEIRA bronze medallists St. John's, as well as Simsbury and NMH.

The race began with the Blue a little out of sync. Luckily, Exeter also suffered a shaky start, and the two were close to even out of the blocks. St. John's, however, pulled ahead three seats in the first 30 strokes, capitalizing on the early mistakes from Andover and Exeter. Finally, at the 750-mark (halfway through the race), the Blue hit their rhythm, settling to 34 strokes per minute, and started its move to put St. John's away.

In the final 500 meters, the Blue put St. John's away, but as they fell back, the Big Red from Exeter charged forth. Once Andover was three seats ahead of St. John's, Exeter was within three seats of Andover. The late settle in the middle 500, when the Blue finally hit its rhythm came back to haunt them, as Exeter slowly ate up the small lead that Andover had managed to gain in the first 1000 meters of the race.

As the race neared its finish, it looked as if Andover might hold off Exeter, but the Red's 40 stroke per minute sprint was too much for the Blue, and pulled ahead two seats of Andover in the last 100 meters of the 1500-meter race. Exeter came away with the victory, clocking a 4:42. Andover followed close behind in 4:43, and St. John's finished in 4:45. Simsbury and NMH rounded out the pack in 5:01 and 5:16, respectively.

The Worcester invitational was a good first look at the field for the Blue. Andover, Exeter, and St. John's will most likely be in the top six, if not the top three, at Interschols on May 24th.

While the Blue fell to Exeter at Worcester for the first time in five years, Captain Taylor Washburn '04 remained justifiably optimistic: "We've won this race four times in the past four years, but how many times have we won Interschols in that time? None. This race means nothing. We still have a great shot at Interschols."

The Blue are clearly in striking distance now and will have another chance at the defending NEIRA champs in two weeks on the Merrimack River.

The second boat race was a completely different story. Coming off a spectacular 2 length victory at Kent, and a stellar week of practice, B2 looked ready to rumble, and that they did. While the Blue trailed to St. John's and Exeter in the first 500, the Blue quickly responded in the middle 500, emerging at the head of the pack with 500 meters to go. It was then that they put the competition away.

B2's strong sprint put Exeter and St. John's away, as they ended up beating the Big Red by a seat of open water. Andover crossed the line in 4:51, while Exeter trailed in 4:55, and St. John's in 4:58. Simsbury and NMH, once again rounded out the pack in 5:06 and 5:18, respectively. Bob Yamartino '03 confided, "Once we pulled even with St. John's in the middle 500, I knew it was over. From that point on, I knew, we weren't going to lose."

The Blue return to Andover for the crew team's first home race against the Salisbury School tomorrow on the Merrimack. While Salisbury has not fielded the strongest crews in the past, they did manage a sixth place finish at Interschols last year and may be a program on the rise.

Andover Crew Sinks Reigning New England Champions, Big Red, and Tabor Seawolves

by Evan Panich
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ADMIRAL (RET)

Andover	**4:30**
Exeter	**4:32**
Tabor	**4:36**

J. Wardrop/ *The Phillipian*

Andover Boys Crew pulls away from both Exeter and Tabor on the chilly waters of the Merrimack River with an excellent late charge.

The New England Champions have been dethroned. Consider Interschols up for grabs.

BOYS CREW

Last Saturday, Andover Crew took on the reigning NE Champions and archrivals from PEA. Despite losing to the Big Red three weeks prior at the Worcester Invitational on Lake Quinsigamond, Andover's first boat put the crew from Exeter in their place this past weekend: behind Andover. The JV boats, however, did not fair as well as the Varsity squad, as the second and third boats both fell victim to the Big Red rowers by no more than a boat length.

The first boat race was the most exciting race of the Andover rowers' respective careers. After struggling with its start throughout the 2003 spring season, Andover came off the line in front by as much as three seats. Andover remained ahead, in fact for the entire first 500-meters, as once the Blue settled into its standard 36 stroke per minute cadence, it went even better for the Blue. Tabor, however, made an early charge at the Blue. The Seawolves slowly crept up on the Blue in the first 500, and even after Andover's 15-stroke move at the 500-meter mark, Tabor kept coming, and pulled up even with the Blue at 600-meters into the race.

Finally, it seemed that Tabor, clearly outmatched by both Andover and Exeter, was a victim of its "fly and die" race plan, and at the 600, they died. Following Tabor's run at the Blue, Exeter began to make their move, slowly eating away at Andover's lead, and at the 800-meter mark, managed to pull within one seat of the still strong Andover crew. Coxswain Sarah Sherman '04 knew just what to do and called for an extra five-stroke move to counter Exeter's charge. Commented Sherman, "I thought it was the best thing to do under the circumstances. I didn't want us to lose the lead." Indeed, Sherman was correct in doing so, and the Blue charged away and reestablished their lead by the 900-meter mark.

At the 1000, Andover made another 10-stroke move, and took another couple of seats on the Big Red. Finally, in the last 250-meters, the Blue put Exeter away. Three weeks earlier, it was Exeter who sprinted through a then inexperienced Andover B1. Saturday, however, it was the Andover, who would not let the Red pull the same trick twice. Andover, opened up a decisive lead in the last 250-meters of the race, and opened up its lead to six seats by the finish line, crossing in 4:30.6, a full two seconds ahead of Exeter's 4:32.6, a three second turn-around from the narrow one second loss to Exeter. Tabor, hurt by its early charge fell to both Andover and Exeter in open water, crossing the line in 4:36.8. After the race, Four-seat Jake Ginsberg '03 asserted, "We simply denied them in the sprint." Two-seat Garrett Kirk '04 agreed, "There was no way we were going to let them walk through us again."

Andover hoped to put together a perfect race on Saturday, and while they may have come close, Coach Peter Washburn was not entirely convinced. Said Washburn, "[B1] did a great job on Saturday, but I don't think it was the best race [they] could have rowed this season." He continued, "That's not necessarily a bad thing. We want our fastest race to be two weeks from now [at Interschols]. I don't want to peak too early." Indeed, while this race could be a foreshadowing of things to come, there are always surprises at Interschols, even if the Blue will go in ranked as the number one seed.

In the second boat race, Exeter took command by the 500-meter mark, and never looked back, defeating B2 by just over a boat length, despite losing to Andover's B2 three weeks earlier at Worcester by a similar margin. The loss was especially disheartening after losing to St. Paul's one week earlier. After the race, seven-seat Jasper Perkins '04 remarked, "St. Paul's was supposed to be the wake-up call. This was like hitting the snooze button."

Even still, Andover crews have come back to top Exeter from further deficits to beat the Red, even this late in the season. B2 is therefore not out of the running by a long shot. The same should be said for B3, who could easily give Exeter a run for their money at May 24th's New England Championships.

The Blue will race once more before Interschols. Andover travels to NMH this weekend to race, and hopefully roast the Hoggers on the steamy waters of Northfield.

McKallagat '03 Joins Junior National Team As PA Athletes Enjoy Successful Summers

by Kristina Chang
and Evan Panich
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Break can in no way describe summer vacation for Andover's top athletes. Players from all sports competed in quite an array of regional, state, and national competitions this summer.

Field hockey looks to be strong as ever, with many returning members having competed over the summer. Marissa Hudson '04, who looks to be a key contributor in her third varsity season for the Big Blue, played in the National Futures tournament held at the US Field Hockey National training center at Virginia Beach. The talented defender had quite a few coaches turning their heads. Hudson's skilled play at the tournament garnered her an alternate spot on the US Junior Olympic team.

In addition to participating at the club level, Hudson and Co-Captain Courtney Tetrault '03 traveled to Europe to show off their skills. Tetrault played in Scotland with Gail MacKinlay '02 and entering postgraduate Jenny Smith '03, while Hudson competed in Amsterdam.

On her summer experiences, Hudson commented, "The play in Europe was of the highest skill level I have ever faced. The different style of coaching allowed me to see the sport in a way I had never seen it before, consequently helping me to improve my game. I hope to use this experience, as well as my experience playing club, to contribute to the team this year."

Co-Captain Nyssa Liebermann '03 also kept herself busy. Liebermann competed in the Bay State Games held by the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation (MASF). The Games are somewhat like an all-star tournament for high school students. In addition to competing at this tournament, Liebermann attended the College Connection Camp at UMass-Amherst, a college showcase camp that allows coaches to scout out possible recruits.

While some spent their summers splashin' around in beach waters, Andover's top swimmers were kept busy in the pool, competing at some of the country's most prestigious Age Group meets.

Captain Brian Fiske '03, representing the Merrimack Valley Pirates, raced at Junior Nationals held from August 5-9 in Boca Raton, Florida. One of the top New England Prep school swimmers last season, Fiske scored points in six events. His highest finishes were an impressive third in the 200 backstroke and a fourth in the 50 breaststroke.

Fiske was not alone in his summer swimming pursuits. Andover's swimming women trained hard this summer with hopes of defending their New England title this winter. Alex Doty '05, representing Patriots Swim Club of Massachusetts, fared well at the New England Open, advancing to the finals in four events. Doty's top two finishes were an 11th place in both the 100 butterfly and 200 backstroke.

Captain Sarah Demers '03, along with younger sister Liz '05,

Continued on Page B5, Column 1

Courtesy of *row2k.com*

Greg McKallagat '03 (front right) rowed for the US Junior National Crew Teamin Lithuania this past summer.

Rowers, Swimmmers, and Soccer Players Alike Attend Camps, Play for Club Teams

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

Kate Page '04, and entering junior Emily Brenner '06 competed at the YMCA National Long Course Championships in College Park, Maryland from July 30-August 2. All four swimmers represented their local club, Andover/North Andover Hurricanes. Sarah led the way with a 17th place finish in the 100 butterfly.

While these swimmers competed in major meets, others simply trained through the summer, in order to begin preparation for the winter season. Among these was the 2002 League MVP Hee-jin Chang '05.

In a much colder part of town, hockey superstar Britney McKenna '05 was skatin' up a storm all summer. McKenna, last year's freshman standout, attended a handful of camps, most notably a Massachusetts Development Camp in Canton, a camp which showcased only a select few of the best players in the state. In addition to playing at these camps, McKenna competed for her New England Club team at Hockey Night in Boston, a competition that brings together club teams from across the nation. Not only did McKenna's team win the tournament, McKenna was selected for the all-star team.

Track, always a strong sport for the Blue, was well represented this summer. Captain Kate Dlesk '03 and Erin O'Hern traveled to Omaha, Nebraska where they participated in the Junior Olympics. Dlesk ran her specialty event, the 400 meters, while O'Hern competed in the discus. Many others on the track and cross-country teams trained individually, not competing in any major competitions.

Preparing for the fall season, many members of the boys' soccer team attended camps, as well as taking part in competitions. Co-Captain Anthony Pucillo '03 played in the Bay State Games, while others were not as fortunate as to be able to compete. Fellow captain Nick Franchot '03, who was invited back to play for AC Milan, a prestigious pro soccer team in Italy, was sidelined due to injuries. Suffering from hip problems, Franchot was forced to undergo arthoscope surgery to fix a torn ligament.

Hungry after a tragic overtime loss in the New England Finals last year, the girls' basketball team kept busy playing AAU basketball, in an effort to prepare to take the crown this winter. Locals Danielle Vardaro '03, Meg Coffin '03, and Kat Conlon '04, all playing for the Belle Stars, made the trek to Washington, DC to play at the AAU Junior Nationals. On the other side of the country, Mimi Hanley '04 played for her Seattle AAU team, participating in various national tournaments on the west coast.

With such a large number of Andover athletes competing over the summer, it's clear that the Big Blue is a step ahead of its competition. Look for the Big Blue to take accolades in numerous sports this year!

"U-S-A! U-S-A! U-S-A!"

All American sports fans have cheered for the Red, White, and Blue some time or another, but it's not every day that we get to be on the receiving end of these cheers. This summer, however, Greg McKallagat '03 got the chance to do just that.

Rowing for the United States Junior Men's National Rowing Team, McKallagat traveled to Trakai, Lithuania to compete in the World Junior Rowing Championships, where he and three of his compatriots competed in the Men's Four without Coxswain. Greg joined 35 other young men and women from high schools and junior rowing clubs around the country to compete in Lithuania. The last Andover rower to be selected for the Junior National Team was Caroline Lind '02, who donned the red, white, and blue in 2000.

Courtesy of *row2k.com*

Greg McKallagat '03 (front center) leads a boat during competition representing the US Junior National Crew Team.

The selection process was grueling. It began in November at an identification camp in Boston, when the coaches for the Junior National Team watched a select group of rowers, and based on performances at the identification camp, and erg scores produced from November through April, forty candidates for the four without coxswain, the four with coxswain and the eight were invited to a selection camp, also held in Boston. From the original pool of forty athletes, over the course of six weeks the group was weeded down to sixteen rowers and two coxswains who were selected to row at the 2002 Jr. Worlds. McKallagat commented, "The first few weeks were tough, because everyone's places at camp were so tentative, but once the team was picked, everyone could relax and have a lot more fun." There are also an open trials for the double and single held in late June. Incidentally, Evan Panich '03 competed at the trials in the single and finished second, missing a World Championship birth by only one second.

As a tune up for the World Championships, the team competed at the U.S. National Championship in Camden, New Jersey before heading to Europe. There, McKallagat's four finished fourth in the Men's Senior Four, while his four and the four with coxswain teamed up to race in the Men's Intermediate Eight, in which McKallagat finished second. Both of these events are geared towards rowers whose age greatly exceeded the junior squad.

Once at Worlds, McKallagat and his teammates were given a ten days to prepare for racing, get a feel for the race course, and adjust to the time difference. The regatta itself was four days long, and consisted of preliminary heats on Wednesday, second-chance races or "repechages" on Thursday, semifinals on Friday, and finals on Saturday. Despite the fact that McKallagat's four did not qualify for the "A" final that determines places 1-6, FISA, the world governing body for rowing, works on a system that allows everyone to compete in finals day, as there are a series of consolation finals. Thus, McKallagat's four competed in the "B" final on Saturday which determined places 7-12, and placed third, which earned them a ninth place finish overall.

It is worth noting that the coxless four was a development boat this year for the Junior National Team, in that all participants are eligible to compete at Junior Worlds next summer, and all plan to do so. Therefore, McKallagat's finish at the regatta was quite impressive.

In addition to McKallagat, several other members of the Phillips Academy community competed at the national level in rowing this summer. Jessie Daigneault '04, rowing for Water Street Rowing in Washington, DC, placed fourth in the Jr. B (Under 17) Women's Eight at the National Championships in Camden. Daigneault has one more year of eligibility in that age category. She also competed at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in St. Catherines, Ontario Canadian Henley draws crews from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, and is the de facto North American Club Championship. Will England '03, representing Boston's Community Rowing, Inc. (CRI), finished third in the Junior Men's Four with coxswain at the Nationals, and won that same event at Canadian Henley. England felt his crew had gelled significantly between Nationals and Canadian Henley, allowing them to handily defeat both crews that had previously defeated CRI at Nationals. Panich, after finishing second at the Jr. World Championship Singles Trials, came in sixth in the Junior (Under 19) Men's Single Scull at the National Championship in Camden, where he beat out the Mexican Junior National Team rower in the semifinal race by a mere three tenths of a second.

All in all, it was a very successful summer for Andover's rowers.

J. Wardrop/ *The Phillipian*

Coxswain Sarah Sherman '04 encourages Captain Taylor Washburn '03, Greg McKallagat '03 and Will England '03 to pull ahead of the NMH Hoggers in their race, Saturday.

Andover Boys Crew Boils NMH Hoggers in Interschols Tune-Up

by Evan Panich
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ADMIRAL (RET.)

Andover	**4:12.8**
NMH	**4:27.1**

Andover Crew may not have shocked the Northfield-Mt. Hermon Hoggers this past Saturday, but they sure awed them, as the Blue swept Northfield by winning all three boys races by at least ten seconds in every race.

Going into the race, the Blue crews knew that even though they were the favored crew, and perhaps because they were the favored crew, they had to be careful taming the Hoggers. As Coach Peter Washburn noted, "We have the best schedule in the league. If a crew is fast, we race them. But this race [against NMH] is always difficult, because you should win, and if you don't, especially on their home course, it could be very embarrassing." Nevertheless, Andover crews did not choke, and, in fact, prevailed quite easily.

In the B1 race, Andover tried a new start this week, opening up strong with 20 strokes at a high rate prior to settling into their racing cadence. Coach Washburn's strategizing worked and the boys made an early jump on the Hoggers, taking four seats in the first 20 strokes. After that, they steadily took more and more seats in the first 500, and with 600 meters down, after Andover's patented 15-stroke move at the 500-meter mark, the Blue were a full boat length ahead of NMH.

In the second 500, the Blue began to pull away for good, putting the Hoggers out of reach. Andover put the nail in NMH's coffin at the turn, as the course gave Andover another few seats. The Blue continued to pull away in the last few hundred meters, at which point there was absolutely no chance of the Hoggers coming back on Andover's first boat. Andover crossed the finish line in a blistering 4:12, with NMH trailing in 4:27.

NMH's coach, David Reeder, commented after the race, "These were fast conditions on the course today," in reference to the light tailwind and current that quickened the race. "But Andover was very fast! 4:12 is the fastest time I've seen on our course in the time I've been coaching here."

The second boat's race was not much different. B2 pulled even in the first 500 meters and even got a few seats ahead before hitting the 500-meter mark. Pulling ahead they never looked back. Taking more and more seats in the final 1000 meters of the race, B2 crossed the line in 4:32—only five seconds slower than NMH's first boat—ahead of the NMH B2's time of 4:46. The fact that Andover's B2 was nearly faster than NMH's B1 is notable as this year NMH is likely to enter tomorrow's Interschols as the 8th seed, making Andover's B2 one of the fastest crews in the league—B1, B2 or otherwise. This showcases Andover's depth this season.

B3 also topped the Hoggers, crossing the line in 4:40, lengths and lengths ahead of NMH's 5:15.

Tomorrow's Interschols should be a barn-burner in all three races. When this article went to print, seedings were not yet available, but B1 is likely to be seeded 1st, B2 3rd and B3 3rd, which puts Andover in prime contention for the Points Trophy awarded to the team with the best overall performance. Hopefully, Andover can bring home a trophy in at least one of the boat categories for the first time in 15 years.

ANDOVER CREWS CRUISE PAST SPS

J. Wardrop/ *The Phillipian*

Stroke and Captain Taylor Washburn '03 works with coxswain Sarah Sherman '04 to carry the Andover Boys first boat to a close victory in last Saturday's upset over the Saint Paul's School Pelicans.

PA Boys First Boat Pushes Past Powerhouse Pelicans

by Evan Panich
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR CXXV

Andover	4:42.5
St. Paul's	4:46.0

Every win is important, but this one was huge.

After a grueling week of practice, the Boys Crew's first boat triumphed over a perennially strong crew from New Hampshire's St. Paul's on Saturday. The SPS Pelicans, who won the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association Championships in 2000, are always tough to beat, and this year's crew was no exception. Despite losing six seniors from its 2002 B1, which finished fourth at last year's NEIRA Regatta, just ahead of the 5th Place Big Blue, SPS has a reputation for its depth; that is, they consistently refill empty spots with solid young rowers. As Captain Taylor Washburn '03 noted Saturday, "They are like a factory for good rowers."

That notwithstanding, in the first boat race, the Blue proved too much for St. Paul's. The race began with Andover's typical 30-stroke start, which took the Blue through the first 250 meters of the 1500-meter race. St. Paul's countered with a starting sequence of its own that took them about 400 meters into the race and two seats ahead of the Big Blue. Andover took their landmark "Power 15," a move at the 500-meter mark, pulling within one seat of St. Paul's. Once through the 500-meter mark, Andover went to work.

For the week of practice up until the race, B1 had pledged to increase their toughness in the middle-500 meters, which is

Continued on Page 11, Column 5

PA's B1 Pummels SPS On Mighty Merrimack River

Continued from Page 12, Column 3

always the toughest parts in the race.

As Coach Peter Washburn notes, "Races are won and lost in the middle 500. Whoever is tougher there can win." This new attitude towards the middle 500 had come as a result of Andover's loss to Exeter at the Worcester Invitational, two weeks prior, when Andover had the chance to put the Big Red away in the middle of the race, but did not, only to be walked through in the last 200 meters.

The Blue refused to let that happen again. Slowly the Blue pulled even. Then it happened. One seat. Two. Three, four, and finally Andover was ahead by five seats at the 750, when SPS took their patented move. In that move, all they got back was one seat.

And then it was the Blue's turn to walk away. With 600 meters left in the race, Andover took a monster move, which ate up three seats out of a spent St. Paul's crew, which turned into a length lead in the final 500. The Pelicans tried to counter in their sprint, but it was no use as Andover crossed the finish line a full length ahead of St. Paul's, 3 seconds ahead.

6-seat Will England '03 was more than pleased with B1's performance last Saturday and had only one thing to say after the race, but it spoke volumes. "We owned the middle 500."

In the second boat race, Andover was not quite as potent. B2 has a strong start, and pulled ahead in the first 500, perhaps by a few seats. Nevertheless, SPS' massive move at the 750 proved to be too much for the Blue.

Taking a four-seat lead with 500 meters to go, Andover began to charge back. Onlookers at the boathouse (150 meters to go) noted that B2 was down two seats there, but charging back. In the end, however, it was the Pelicans, who triumphed, but only by a 1 and seats, a mere second.

Members of the previously undefeated second boat commiserated at their loss, yet put it in perspective. "We needed a dose of humility [after going undefeated for so long]. This will give us something to work for," noted two-seat Alex Minasian '03. Indeed, one of the greatest motivations can be a loss. "And this was a close one," continued Minasian, "We know we can get them by Interschols."

In the third (JV) boat race, there was never any question of who would win. The Blue led pillar to post, dominating an uncharacteristically weak SPS third boat by an astonishing eleven seconds. B3 appears to have gained much speed since the beginning of the season and should prove to contend at the NEIRA Championships on May 24th.

Tomorrow, the Andover Boys Crew team takes on archrival Phillips Exeter Academy, who dealt the first boat the spring 2003 season's only loss three weeks ago, and the Tabor Academy Seawolves for the last home race of the season.

Athletes Of The Week

Boys Crew First Boat

"[The First Boat] rowed the Kent race very well and did what they could and did not try to do things that we were not ready for."

—Coach Peter Washburn

by Wes Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

It always feels good to see hard work pay off. In this Saturday's victory over Kent, the B1 crew demonstrated that all of their hard work has already begun to pay off. Captain Taylor Washburn '03 recalled, "It was a great race, and I am very excited about what the rest of the season has in store. Our guys have been training hard since the end of November and it showed. We came out relaxed and confident and rowed our race. We did what we had to do." When asked what makes crews row well, Coach Peter Washburn said, "In order to be fast, you need to have conditioning, strength, good technique and a great deal of mental toughness. You also have to have some luck." On Saturday B1 had all of those things. They came together for the first race and really showed what they could do.

While it seams spring has just now finally started, the team has been conditioning for months. Many of the varsity rowers train all winter long in Crew Basics in order to be in the best shape possible come spring. Coach Washburn remarked, "After a winter of pretty intense training in the fitness center, a very mature and experienced group came back in very good shape. Having a very sound cardiovascular base is going to prove to be very useful as we can spend more time on getting fast as opposed to just getting in shape." This training is what will make the difference in how the team can spend their season because the rowers do not have to waste time bringing their top rowers into shape. They are well prepared and were ready to perform powerfully right from the start.

For the strength of the boat to be calculated, it is necessary to consider every member of the boat, from the stroke seat to the coxswain directing the boat. Starting from the bow the crew consists of Evan Panich '03, Garret Kirk '04, JC MacMillan '03, Jake Ginsberg '03, Sam Beattie '03, Will England '03, Greg McKallagat '03, and Captain Washburn, with Sarah Sherman '04 as coxswain. Coach Washburn is pleased with the talent that this year's B1 has and notes a myriad of individual strengths in both the rowers and the cox. "We have a great coxswain who not only steers well but is also a great racer. The stern pair from last years boat, Washburn and McKallagat, is back again this year, and even though they are lightweights, they are stronger and rowing better than they did last year. England is much improved and has moved into the 6 seat where his power and consistency are invaluable. After a good winter of training, Beattie seems to be very ready to move up to the first boat in the 5 seat. Ginsberg, a newcomer to the program, has brought a great deal of racing experience and a very smooth stroke to the boat. MacMillan is a powerhouse in the 3 seat and is a very welcome addition to the boat. He is a very good athlete who improves with every stroke that he takes. Kirk and Panich are a very powerful and smooth combination in the bow pair."

Strength and cardiovascular fitness are useless on the boat, however, if the right technique is not executed. During the winter, boat dynamics and parts of rowing technique were put aside because all training was done using the ergs and other stationary equipment. In crew, it is essential that all members of the crew row together or there no way the boat can race well, so the boys have been focusing on polishing up their in-boat technique.

In order to get as much practice in as possible, the returning members of the team who were projected to row in the first two boats arrived the weekend before spring term began to get out on the Merrimack and row. The crew endured double practices in rain and snow. During this time, the crew worked on developing a good rhythm for their boat. Those few days allowed for the Blue to get a big head start on some other prep schools and have proven to be very useful.

This week in practice the crew looks to further develop their finesse by specific race training. Coach Washburn said, "It is early in the season and there is still a lot to do, but they are working on all of these things. There are a lot of fast crews out there and we take it all one race at a time. They rowed the Kent race very well and did what they could and did not try to do things that we were not ready for. This week, we will work on developing even more of our race plan. They are focused, dedicated and like to go fast, so it will be interesting and fun to see what happens."

The boys plan to address each week's race separately and to stay focused, keeping in mind Jon Bernstein's '86 rowing philosophy: "A crew that thinks it can win is a very dangerous crew. A crew that expects to win is a vulnerable one."

Boys Crew Swamps Kent; Phillips Defends Dent Oars

by Evan Panich
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ADMIRAL (RET)

Andover	4:34
Kent	4:37

The PA Boys Crew team made history last Saturday, as B1 became only the fifth crew in the past thirty years to out-race Kent, and the first crew to ever do so in back-to-back seasons. In addition, B2 also topped the Lions by over one boat-length. The third boat (JV) also raced, but just missed a victory in a race so close that many parents at the finish line thought that it was indeed another Andover victory.

The day began with B1's race. Racing on Kent's Housatonic River proved to be a challenge for B1 as there was a great deal of current. This, combined with a strong tailwind, made it vital for the crew to row technically well as the conditions were against them. The Blue rose to the challenge. Captain Taylor Washburn '03 stroked the boat out of the blocks at a high rate of 40 strokes per minute for the first 20 strokes, with the crew settling in to 35 for the first 500 meters of the race. In these first 500 meters of the 1500 meters long race, B1 masterfully took a quick one-length lead. After passing 500 meter mark with such a large lead, the Blue relaxed its stroke rate to a moderate 34, what Coach Peter Washburn had suggested the crew row for the body of the race. Even at 34, however, the Blue managed to increase its lead; Kent was slowing down too. With memories of last year's Andover victory, the Kent team made a valiant attempt at a comeback with 500 meters to go and took back some ground, but it was too little too late. The Blue crossed the finish line in 4:34, and the Kent Lions trailing at 4:37, failing to avenge their previous defeat.

Coach Washburn noted after the race, "I'm very pleased with how [B1] rowed today. [They] rowed very relaxed. There is still much room for improvement, however." Captain Washburn agreed with that statement: "We definitely can improve our start, and we also will be much faster once we have developed a sprint." Kent's late-race charge was due to the fact that the Blue had had only two weeks of water time before the race against Kent, while their Kent competitors traveled to Florida over their spring break and developed their sprint. Only two weeks into the term, this is something Andover has not yet done. Overall, it was a good performance for PA as they showed that even with less time to train they still had the ability to defeat their opponent.

In the second boat race, stroke man Di Wu '04 led the Blue out to a 43 strokes per minute start. This stroke rate is uncharacteristically high for this time in the season, but it was an admirable way to establish an early lead. Moving at a steady pace, the Blue managed a one-length lead by the end of the race. The Blue clocked a 4:44, compared to Kent's 4:50. B2's winning time, only ten seconds slower than B1's, showcases Andover's depth in its program this year. Speed does not come without skill, and everyone noticed the Andover skill. Technically, the Blue looked very strong, and even Kent's coach Eric Houston described Andover's B2 as "tenacious."

The final race of the day for Boys' Crew was the third boat race. While the Blue got out to a fantastic start and led for the first 1250 meters of the race, Kent quickly ate away at the Blue's lead in the last 250 meters and overtook the PA by mere tenths of a second in the end. After the race, JV Coach Lia Welsch '98 said, "It's very frustrating to see them lose by so little, but they did a great job. B3 should be commended in that three of its eight rowers began rowing less than two weeks before racing Kent." Thus, Andover's B3 will most certainly make great strides in the next few weeks.

Eighth seater Evan Panich '03 summed it up best, saying, "All in all, it was a great day of racing for the Blue."

ANDOVER CLAIMS FIVE NE SPRING TITLES

PA Boys Crew Pulls Out Victory at Championships

by Evan Panich
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR CXXV

Saturday, May 24, was a historic day for Andover Boys' Crew. Every member of the team walked away from the New England (NEIRA) Championships with a medal on his neck, with the first boat (B1) winning Interschols for the first time in 15 years, and the second and third boats finishing second.

In the heats, Andover won its races in both the first and third boats, while the second boat placed second to Exeter, who would eventually win the finals. Andover's B1, though pushed by the St. Paul's School's crew early, cruised to victory in the last 500 meters. B2 and B3 also easily qualified for the afternoon finals, as B3 walked through all crews in its heat to take an easy victory.

With the afternoon came the big races: the finals, the much anticipated five minutes that the entire season had been building up to.

Before racing, Andover's B1 crew of coxswain Sarah Sherman '04, Captain Taylor Washburn '03, Greg McKallagat '03, Will England '03, JC MacMillan '03, postgraduate Jake Ginsberg '03, Sam Beattie '03, Garrett Kirk '04, and Evan Panich '03 vowed to not get too uptight about their race, attempting to relax, instead.

The race started out a little rockily for the Blue's first crew. In fact, in the first 250, Andover may have been in fifth or sixth place. Slowly but surely, however, the other crews began to fall.

At the 500-meter mark, Andover took its banner 15-stroke spurt, as Simsbury High School (CT) and St. Paul's began to fall back. Sherman added in a couple quick five-stroke spurts to get ahead of St. John's, and in the middle-500 meters, Andover began to put the Scarlet Knights away.

Meanwhile, in lane 2, Kent fell back slightly, but still kept barely within contact of the leaders, Andover and Exeter. Exeter remained 2-seats ahead of Andover through the middle-500, and as the two crews entered the last 500 meters, Andover pulled ahead.

From this point until the end of the race, it was an absolute dogfight, bow ball to bow ball. With 250 to go, Exeter pulled ahead slightly, but then the Big Blue absolutely denied the Big Red in the sprint.

When the water calmed and the two boats crossed the finish line, the Andover crew won narrowly by 19 hundredths of a second; Andover clocked a 4:26.36, ahead of Exeter's 4:26.55. Kent came in third at 4:29.36. To celebrate the win, the boys took a well-earned dip in the icy waters of Lake Quinsigamond.

The second boat race was not quite as close. Andover went out pretty quickly, but Exeter soon opened up a boat length lead, which they sat on for the rest of the race. The St. Paul's Pelicans were also in the running in the first 500, but a damaged seat ruined their chances of winning.

Impressively, St. Paul's did manage third place. Andover happily walked away with a silver medal, having crossed the line in 4:41.94, behind Exeter's 4:37.5. St. Paul's clocked a 4:43.04 to take third.

The third (Junior Varsity) boat race was nearly as close as the first boat's. Andover's B3 started the race well behind the Big Red of Exeter, but slowly walked back on the Red, and by the last 250 meters of the race, managed to take a narrow lead. It nearly looked as if the young JV crew would win.

However, in the last 10 strokes, Exeter took the lead back, and the Big Blue was forced to settle for silver. Exeter's winning time was 4:42.11, while Andover clocked a 4:42.61. Simsbury took third in 4:47.97.

The Andover team will graduate all but one member of its first boat. While next year looks to be a rebuilding season, the Boys in Blue look to defend their New England title.

SPORT: Girls Crew

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: Meryl Mims

MANAGER: Anne Sharp '05

COACH: Kathryn Lucier Green

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Bob Moss, Catherine Tousignant '88

SEASON RECORD

Won Interschols

WON 2 LOST 4 TIED

Letter Winners

Beattie, Nell
Cole, Alexandra
Daigneault, jessica
Desaulniers,Genevieve
Dwulet, Elizabeth
Evans, Jennifer
Fay, Tami
Hammer, Alexandra
Ireland, Katherine
Latina, Jacqueline
Lehmann, Jessica
Maffione, Catherine
Mims, Meryl
Sacks, Chana
Saraidaridis, Jeanette
Sharp,Anne

Girls Crew

			PA	OPP
Sat. 4/12/2003	(A)	KENT		
Sat. 4/19/2003	(A)	SIMSBURY/EXETER		
Sat. 4/26/2003	(A)	BROOKS/MIDDLESEX		
Sat. 5/3/2003	(H)	ST. PAUL'S		
Wed. 5/7/2003	(H)	LOWELL HS	cancelled	
Sat. 5/10/2003	(H)	TABOR/EXETER	loss	
Sat. 5/17/2003	(A)	N.M.H.	win	
Sat. 5/24/2003	(A)	INTERSCHOLASTICS	fifth	

Girls Crew

Girls Crew hit the water at last weekend's invitational to show off their ever-increasing strength. Bouncing back from three tough losses to Kent the previous weekend, the two varsity boats both took close second places out of the four-boat field. The first boat lost by a very small margin to PEA.

The first boat had the first girls' race last weekend. NMH fell back behind the rest of the field from the beginning, leaving a few boat lengths between them and the first boat by the end of the race. Simsbury held on better for some of the race, but close to the end they were not in contention for the top spot, and left the race to Andover and Exeter. These two battled it out from the start, with Exeter finally beating Andover by a margin of just a few seconds. Simsbury and NMH took third and fourth respectively.

After the boys races were over, G2 went off the line. Again, NMH fell behind early, and Simsbury left a slightly smaller space in between itself and the front two boats. Coming into the view of the crowd on land, Exeter led the Blue by a few seats, which it kept and lengthened by the end. Andover took a hard sprint however and put some distance between themselves and Simsbury before the end. "We rowed a pretty solid race, start to finish," said stroke Nell Beattie '05. "There are definitely some places that we need to work on, but I feel like over the past week we have really improved."

The third boat suffered from a few problems in its race, but still managed to keep with the other boats until the end. With a slow start and a few minor crabs in the first third of the race, PA let Exeter pull away and take a lead PEA did not relinquish. PA fought to stay close to Simsbury throughout the race, but fell behind by a boat length 1000 meters into the race. In those last 500 meters, however, the third boat sped up and finished only about four seats behind on Simsbury's boat.

PA's fourth boat did not fare as well as Varsity and JV, finishing a few boat lengths behind the other boats in the race. PA was disappointed with their placing but remain optomistic. "Considering the fact that we had an entire boat full of novices, and our lineup had only been set four days earlier, I think we did really well," said Melanie Kress '05.

The team followed up Saturday's excellent performance by rowing a 2-kilometer ergo meter piece on Tuesday.

PEA Outraces Lady Blue Crews on Quinsigamond

by Cat McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter	**5:11**
Andover	**5:18**
Tabor	**5:29**

The Girls Crew made the best of a rough tide, rolling over Tabor but in the same race falling to the hated Exeter Big Red. In all five races, it was really a eontest between PA and PEA, and, sadly for Andover, the Big Red managed to reaeh the line first every time. "It was pretty disappointing, but we have to look forward," said Captain Meryl Mims '03. "It's not what we hoped for, but we're still going to keep our heads up. Interschols is what counts, and it's going to be great."

G1's race was marred by the regrettable steering of the Exeter coxswain. The girls had a strong five stroke start, going off the line at a swift rating of 42 strokes per minute, followed a twenty stroke high and power ten to settle to their race rate. The first third of the raee was strong for the ladies and they held on to Exeter. The girls help up on their seven seat at the bridge, the 500 meter mark. Up until then, the Exeter boat was steering towards Tabor, but underneath the bridge she turned and headed toward the Andover boat.

"In one instant, as we clearly see her veering towards us, we lose foeus," said six seat Hoppy Maffione '04. "Even if it was just one instant, we couldn't get it back." Exeter went up about a boat length, and stayed there through the remainder of the raee. "It was definitely not a great race," said Maffione. "Who knows what would have happened had the steering not gone wrong, no one can say." Exeter finished at 5:11, Andover next at 5:18, and Tabor third at 5:29. "This week we prepared to train our hardest," finished Maffione. "We are psyched for 'Schols, and want to be out there thirsty for some Exies." Three seat Jackie Latina '04 added, "NMH will be like a dress rehearsal for Interschols. We can praetice our race plan and see how it goes, and then it's just one more week to perfect it. We are going to foeus and take up the intensity a notch. It will be hard to make up those seven seconds, but I know we can do it."

The second Varsity boat also lost to Exeter, but this time by a much shorter distance. The girls started with the same start as G1, which kept them even with Exeter. "Our start turned out to be a lot stronger than we expected it to be," commented four seat Kate Ireland '05. The girls were in fact a full seat up on Exeter until the 500 meter mark when Exeter pulled even. Exeter would have beaten PA by seven seconds or more, if the Big Blue had not pulled an amazing twenty stroke sprint to bring them baek up a good five or six seats. Exeter finished in 5:21, just two seconds ahead of Andover at 5:23. Tabor pulled in behind them at 5:34. "Our start was powerful and explosive, but we lost it in the middle. It seems like that's where a lot of races are lost," said two seat of G2 Mareella Viktorin '05. "Still, we got some back by the end, which was very satisfying. And we definitely are going to get them at Intersehols. We've worked hard this season and we deserve it, next Saturday will be our time to get what we want." Ireland finished, "We're impressed with how mueh we've improved on Exeter in a short time. NMH will be a good raee to praetiee our raee plan before Interschols, and then we'll be ready to raee Exeter again. We're exeited to prove our strength."

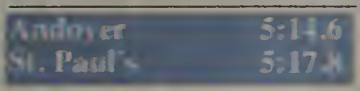
The third JV boat rowed their best raee yet this season, pushing Exeter more than they had been all season. Andover was just a seat or two behind through the first 500, but in the middle, Exeter pulled ahead to a boat's length distance.

Exeter finished at 5:44, Andover erossed the line at 5:52, and Tabor pulled in behind at 5:59. After losing to Exeter by more than twenty seconds at Lake Quinsigamond, it's obvious that the girls have improved a tremendous amount.

The top four boats travel to NMH tomorrow for the final raee of the regular season. The girls are eonfident with a win over NMH at the Lake Quinsigamond invitational under their belts.

Lady Rowers Pull off Upset Over St. Paul's in First Win of Spring

by Cat McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The Girls Crew first boat triumphed over rival St. Paul's School to capture the boat's first win of the season. However, this stunning victory could not inspire the other Girls Crew boats to overcome the Big Red challenge. Captain Meryl Mims '03 proudly commented on G1's performance, "[It was] G1's first big win in a few years. It was a really hard week of practice, but it all clicked during the race, and our intensity took us right to the finish line."

The girls second varsity boat rowed a very strong race, but was unable to beat St. Paul's to the finish line. St. Paul's took the lead early on and kept it all the way, although Andover had recovered much of the distance by the end. As the boats came around the bend to the boathouse, the Big Red was ahead by more than a boat's length and a little open water. Andover pulled an amazing sprint in the last thirty seconds and finished just a few seats behind St. Paul's. Coming off the water, two seat Marcella Viktorin '05 said, "That was definitely awesome. We've got our sprint down." The St. Paul's time was 5:29.7 and Andover trailed closely behind at 5:32.6.

The fate of the races that day depended on the first boat's finish and the girls certainly performed. With Chana Sacks '03 coxing, Mims rowed at stroke, followed by Jessie Daignault '04, Alex Hammer '03, and Hoppy Maffione '04. In the bow were Jackie Dwulet '04, Jackie Latina '04, Nell Beattie '05, and Meg Sullivan '04. "The feeling when the boat is really moving is amazing and we had that feeling on Saturday," said Latina.

The girls took an excellent and powerful start, taking about half of a boat length on St. Paul's right from the beginning. However, they lost most of that lead, reaching the 500 meter mark almost even with St. Paul's. However, as the girls regained their power, they brought themselves almost a length up in the middle 500 meters. They kept the lead all the way through the last third of the race, finishing at 5:15.6, an stalwart accomplishment compared to St. Paul's finish at 5:17.8. "All our hard work paid off and we won," reflected Latina, "Our sprint was really powerful too and was a sweet finish to a sweet race. We have a lot of work to do this week, but we should be ready to take on Exeter [tomorrow]. They're going down!"

Coxswain Sacks concluded, "We had a really solid race from start to finish. Our focus was on holding up the power especially through the middle 500 meters, and that's exactly what we did. We still have a long way to go, but as a crew we are focused and ready to do what we need to and have a great shot at Interschols."

Coach Kathryn Green added, "This is the point in the season where the boats should reach their highest speed. Saturday was a show of the kind of power this crew is capable of." Tomorrow the girls have a dual meet against Exeter and Tabor, followed by the final stretch to Interschols.

Lady Blue Crew Suffer Opening Race Loss To Rival Kent Lions

by Cat McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Who knew Lions could row? In their first race of the 2003 spring season, the Andover Girls Crew Team found out, much to their chagrin, that not only could the Lions row, they rowed quite well.

Having only had two weeks of water time, the girls failed to contend with their stronger and more conditioned Kent competitors. The Lions, coming off of their annual spring break training trip in Florida, slaughtered the Blue, taking blue ribbons in every race. Kent's second and third boats managed to beat the Big Blue boats by fairly large margins. Andover's G1, however, put up a stronger fight, only losing by a mere 3.5 seconds.

The day was a long one, and the rowing conditions were unlike what the Blue had grown used to. Kent's river, more of a stream, barely fit two racing lanes. It was a floating start, in which the boats moved across the starting line before the start of the race. The finish line was a quick 1500 meters down, with the current carrying the boats to a faster time than usual.

By the time G1 raced, both the first and second boats had lost. There was a certain fire in the belly of the Blue girls as they readied themselves for the start. It was a quick race down the river, and anxious rowers and parents, waiting at the end of the course, watched to see the crews emerge. The boats remained neck to neck. At this point, either crew could have taken the race. The endurance of the Lions, which can most likely be attributed to their spring training, shone threw. Kent's G1 pulled ahead in the last few strokes to take the win by a margin of 3.5 seconds, defending their right to the Dent Oars.

The second boat, in the first varsity race of the day, matched up evenly with its competitors. The Kent crew got off to a quick start and never looked back, slowly moving farther and farther ahead of the Andover team. With under 500 meters left to go, it was clear that Kent would reach the finish line first. The Andover crew followed and finished about thirteen seconds after Kent, a little more than a boat length behind.

G2 was rather disappointed in last Saturday's race, but still remain optimistic as bowseat Hee-jin Chang '05 expressed, "It was pretty disappointing, but I know we're going to get better." Chang continued, saying, "We need to work on being together in our catches and general boat unity. We kind of fell apart at the end of the race, so we need better endurance too. Still, we'll get there."

PA's G3 suffered from similar problems, finishing approximately ten seconds behind the Lions. For half of the girls on G3, this was their first race. As with most races, the start did not go smoothly. There was confusion among the novices at the start command, and the girls unfortunately caught a crab, which caused a rower in the middle of the boat to fall off her seat.

The girls recovered and stayed just behind Kent for a good portion of the race. At about 750 meters, however, the Kent crew took on a power piece giving it a substantial lead that it kept for the rest of the race. Andover finished about a boat length and approximately ten seconds, behind Kent.

Head Coach Kathryn Green pointed out that one of the strengths of Andover rowing is its ability to improve throughout the course of the season, "Everyone raced hard, but there is lots of room for improvement. Fortunately, improving over the course of the season and with unyielding determination is one of the things Andover crews do best!"

Green, like the team, remains optimistic, saying, "We have much work ahead of us, but I know it will be satisfying and worthwhile. We'll just take it one day at a time, and attack the workload one step at a time."

PA Girls First Boat Rows To Fifth Place at NEIRA

by Cat McCallum
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The waters were anything but placid this spring for the Lady Blue Crew team. The season started with the traditional first race against Kent. G2 suffered a loss, finishing 13 seconds behind its competitors, but G1 fought to the finish line, losing by only 3.5 seconds. The girls traveled to Lake Quinsigamond the next weekend for the Exeter Invitational. Both boats beat Simsbury and NMH easily, but lost to Exeter. The next week, the first boat split up to race in fours against Brooks and Middlesex. Although they both lost, the girls got to practice their technique in smaller boats.

Andover hosted St. Paul's the next week. Discouraged by their winless start, the girls knew that this was their time to avenge their past defeats. "We had been saying the middle 500 would be were it was at, and it was indeed," said Jackie Latina '04. Captain Meryl Mims '03 said that it was "G1's first big win in a few years."

Both the first two boats lost to Exeter the next weekend but left Tabor well behind them. At the start of the race, Andover's first boat was cut off by the Exeter's, and the girls lost focus. In the next race, against NMH, the top three boats all rowed well, burying NMH in the water by margins of 12, 20, and 10 seconds respectively.

The girls were determined to finish strong at Interschols. In terrible rowing conditions, the first boat fought in the finals for a disappointing fifth place finish. "It's not what we hoped for," admitted Hoppy Maffione '04.

The second boat, however, rowed a spectacular race for a third place finish. "We worked so hard," said Kate Ireland '05, "It feels good to get this." The third boat, originally seeded eighth, stepped it up in the finals for a sixth place finish.

The girls look forward to what looks to be a strong next season. "The first two boats are going to be very strong," boasted Marcella Viktorin '05. With several key returners, the girls expect to be celebrating a successful spring campaign in 2004.

SPORT: Cycling

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: Peter Stetson

MANAGER:

COACH: Derek Williams, Thayer Zaeder

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD
New England Champs

WON_____LOST_____TIED_____

Letter Winners

Brzezinski, Piotr
Clay, Peter
Koehler, Anne
Morse, David
Roldan, Anthony
Stetson, Peter

Cycling Team

			PA	OPP
Wed. 4/16/2003	(A)	TILTON		
Sat. 4/19/2003	(A)	ADELPHIA USCF		
Wed. 4/23/2003	(A)	HOLDERNESS		
Sun. 5/4/2003	(A)	GOULD		
Sat. 5/10/2003	(A)	EXETER		
Wed. 5/14/2003	(A)	PROCTOR		
Sat. 5/17/2003	(A)	PROFILE SCHOOL	1st place	
Wed. 5/21/2003	(A)	EXETER		

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts
2002 Cycling Team

Name	Yr	Hometown
Brzezinski, Piotr	2003	Lynnfield, MA
Chui, Peter	2003	Wayland, MA
Clay, Peter	2004	Ellicott City, MD
Deng, Clarissa	2005	Hinsdale, IL
Koehler, Anne	2003	Bovenden, GERMANY
Morse, David	2004	Singapore, SIN
Murphy, Alison	2005	Piedmont, CA
Randt, Paull	2004	Beijing
Richie, Isabel	2005	Shorewood, WI
Roldan, Anthony	2004	New York, NY
Sobelson, Morissa	2005	Concord, NH
Stetson, Peter	2003	Falmouth, ME
Wolf, Alexandre	2006	Corvallis, OR

Coach: Derek Williams
Thayer Zaeder
Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers:Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Mngr: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller

Cumulative Results Cycling Team 2003
April 16: New Hampton NH Tilton 10.35 mile ITT (40 degrees, no warmup)

A: Peter Stetson 4th, Thatcher Clay 6, Dave Morse 8, Piotr Brzenzski 9, Anthony Roldan 12 of 17 finishers. Team 1st (tie w/ Proctor) of 6 schools
B: Peter Chiu 19th, Paull Randt 25, Alex Wolf 26 of 30. Team 5th of 9 schools (NHampton, Exeter, KUA)
W: Alison Murphy 14th, Morissa Sobelson 18, Izzy Ritchie 21, Clarissa Deng 22, Anne Koehler 23 of 30. Team 6th of 9 (Holderness, Exeter, KUA)

April 19: USCF Adelphia Grand Prix, Plymouth MA 2.5 circuit 25 mile (50° dry)

Junior Boys: Clay 1st!, Roldan 10, Morse 11, Brzenzski mechanical DNF of 33.
Junior Women: Sobelson 1st!, Ritchie 2, Koehler 3.
Category 4 Men: Stetson 12th of 45.

April 23: Holderness 22 mile RR, Plymouth NH Waterville Valley (40°, drizzle)

A: Clay 3rd, Stetson 4, Brzenzski 5, Roldan 6, Morse 11 of 15. Team 1st.
B: Wolf 18th, Chiu 23 (crash, borrowed bike), Randt (crash, DNF) of 29. Team 7th (NH, KUA, Ex)
W: Murphy 15th, Koehler 18, Sobelson 19, Deng 24, Ritchie 25 of 28. Team 5th (Holderness, Ex, Burke Mt)

Courtesy of Dave Morse

Dave Morse '04 and Anthony Roldan '04 take hold of the pack, planting themselves in the lead as they near the final stretch of the difficult Holderness course in Andover's win.

Bikers Cycle Past Holderness As Clay Wins Junior Olympic Race

by Dave Morse
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Andover Cycling team has been pedaling their way past all comers this year, marking a season which may shape up to be one of the best racing seasons in recent memory. Andover has opened up the season with a perfect 3-0 record, and the PA riders hope to sweep the remaining five races en route to the New England title. The strong group of five riders is well seasoned and primed to best the competition.

CYCLING

After winning the Tilton time trial, the first race of the year, Andover went on to compete at the United States Cycling Federation (USCF) Junior Olympic race series in Plymouth, MA. Competitors in this nation-wide race circuit include top entrants from around the country. Although this race is a staple in Andover's yearly race schedule, PA cyclists did not expect to take control of the race, due to the amount of non-prep school and thoroughly-trained riders who participate in the Junior Olympic circuit . Heading into the race, the intent of the boys in Blue was to finish well in the main pack. P. Thatcher Clay '04, however, had a different plan. Clay managed to catch on to a late breakaway and keep the lead through to the end of the race, crossing the line in first place. This is an incredible accomplishment for any young rider, and it has not gone unnoticed; Clay is now a marked man and will be watched closely by the opposition.

The remaining six riders fared well; Anthony Roldan '04 and Dave Morse '04 took 10th and 11th, respectively. New riders Peter Chiu '03, Paull Randt '04, and Alex Wolf '06 found themselves suckered into a brisk early pace and fell off the main pack before the end of the race. Piotr Brzezinski '03 warped his wheel after a sharp knock on the course and could not finish the race. Brzezinski had looked to finish well in this race, especially after similar circumstances the year before prevented him from completing the race.

The team's captain, Peter Stetson '03, raced last Saturday with the Category 4 men, a division notorious for cutthroat tactics and blistering speed. After a grueling 25 miles toiling at the head of the pack Stetson had lost all of the big kick he was hoping unleash in the final descent to the sprint finish. Although drained of energy he

Continued on Page 11, Column 4

CYCLISTS RACE BY HOLDERNESS FOR THIRD WIN

Capt. Stetson, Clay, Morse and Roldan Power Team

Continued from Page 12, Column 4

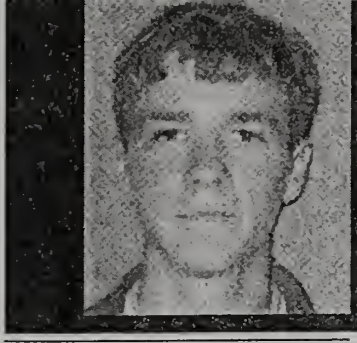
still managed to end the race with the respectable 12th place. After the race Stetson commented, "I was in position to finish quite well, but the fight I had to put up for the favorable position sapped all of my potential for the final sprint. I had nothing left to give at the finish."

Andover's five female cyclists also had a showing Saturday, contending in the women's Category 4 division. Unfortunately, the developed adult riders proved to be a level above what PA's female cyclists were accustomed to. All five could not stay with the pack, despite gallant efforts from Anne Koehler '03 and Morissa Sobelson '05 to stay with the older riders.

Holderness hosted Wednesday's race, on a 20-mile course, complete with a 2000 foot climb confronted the eager PA cyclists. The team's strength and depth allowed for some serious tactics during the race. A plan to ensure victory was put to use, knowing that the Blue's prominence would allow Andover to completely control the pack.

In a show of well-timed tactics and racing knowledge, a powerful Tilton rider initiated a counterattack following immediately after Morse's final breakaway attempt. This break-away, closely pursued by Clay, Stetson, Brzezinski, and Roldan, proved to be too much for some, as the main pack disintegrated into small packs of riders scrambling to catch the quick breakaway.

After the excitement of the break settled, the field was torn into a two-man breakaway and a group of Andover riders in hot pursuit, with the remaining competitors far behind. The Andover chase group failed to catch the two-man breakaway, and the race ended with an unbroken chain of Andover riders placing from 3rd-6th, good enough to give Andover the overall win. The week ended as it had begun, with Andover on top.



Thatcher Clay '04

"Everyone on the team benefits from Thatcher's dedication to cycling... We become better riders because of him."

— Teammate Dave Morse '04

by Wes Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

While some athletes have to perfect their style for many years in order to attain greatness in their sports, it is always nice to just have the ability right off the bat. Thatcher Clay '04 started bike road-racing competitively last spring and has shown skill right from the start. Encouraged by friends David Morse '04 and Anthony Roldan '04 to try biking as a sport Clay left his previous spring sport of tennis and made the jump into biking. Though Clay had spent a lot of time in and around his native Maryland riding his mountain bike on and off road, he had never actually ridden the sleeker machine that is the road bike.

Clay recalled, "I have been biking for awhile, but like most people my first bike was a mountain bike. I went to a mountain biking summer camp three years ago, and it was there that I really realized that biking was my sport. I did as much mountain biking as possible, but more often than not I ended up just riding out on the road with my mountain bike to keep in shape."

In his debut showing on the road bike Clay demonstrated that he really had a knack for racing. "Before the race my dad told me that if I did well then he would buy me a road racing bike. I was using my Dad's 30 year old racing bike with 5 gears on it, and everyone laughed at me at the start line. I crossed the line 18 miles later in second. So here I am now with a new racing bike."

This season Clay has that new creation of a bike. Clay was happy to describe his creation, "Zu." "My bike is the sleekest mesh of aluminum, carbon fiber, titanium, plastic, rubber, and steel that I have ever seen in my life. Last year I raced on a bike that the school rented to me, but over the summer I gathered up a bunch of parts and build my bicycle up from scratch. It was the culmination of all my years of pretending to know how to fix a bike. I race on that bike now. You have probably seen it around campus or in Commons; it is the completely black racing bike. It even has a name, Zu, which is a Babylonian goddess also known as the blackbird."

Zu has served Clay well this season, and with it, he took first at the Adelphia Grand Prix with an impressive finishing drive. Clay cites the mental aspect of racing as an important part of any racer's success. "By far, the most difficult aspect of the sport is knowing when to give your all and when to hang back. It is difficult to understand this unless you are a cyclist. When I am in the pack of riders, I am continuously trying to figure out who looks weak and who is in contention to win the race. This way, when I see somebody sprint away from the main field of riders I know when to chase and when to sit back. The hard part about cycling though is to judge how good people are but to remain a mystery yourself." The other portion of race readiness is physical training. The biking team spends its practice time completing intense circuit roots that many times include formidable hills. The team bikes roughly 150-200 miles a week.

Clay is only one of the many talented riders on this years biking team. He holds his teammates in high regard, "The team this year is phenomenal. With a sport like cycling it is hard to find kids really dedicated, but our team has thirteen very enthusiastic cyclists. Last year our team was only six kids, but thanks partly to the advertising done by our captain Peter Stetson' 03 we have grown. Because we have only lost two riders since last year and gained so many new good riders, our team this year can wipe the table with any other school. Our Captain, Peter, is a phenomenal cyclist, both in his strength and his racing experience. We have revived the girls' team this year with five new faces. All and all, we are all looking forward to an incredibly successful season. We already won the first league race of the year, and we look forward to many victories to come."

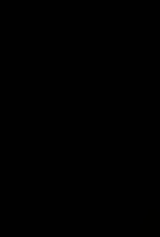
The magnitude of Clay's involvement has really put the team into overdrive this season. Teammate Morse said of Clay, "Everyone on the team benefits from Thatcher's dedication to cycling. Every day we wake up sore from having to chase him up hills throughout practice the day before. We become better riders because of him."

Courtesy of Thatcher Clay

Thatcher Clay '04 and Dave Morse '04 glide down a hill towards the finish line in Saturday afternoon's race with Exeter in the woods of New Hampshire.

Clay, Stetson Pedal Cycling To Top Place in League Standings

by Dave Morse & Thatcher Clay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS



CYCLING

This past week, the Andover cyclists faced two tough races, testing the team's sprinting abilities and knowledge of team tactics. Last Saturday's race, hosted by the Blue's archrival Exeter, consisted of a snaking criterium course complete with several 180-degree turns. This day's race was in the form of a two-man time trial, during which riders may only draft off of their designated team partner. The flat, fast-paced course was set in the heart of Exeter's campus.

After a thorough warm-up, the Lady Blue headed out in 20 second intervals to prove their worth. The girls' cycling team placed 4th overall, showing great improvement and aptness from previous races. Anne Koehler '03 exhibited great strength and stoutness, racing in two heats to make up for a missing teammate.

The boys' B team also had a big day on Saturday. Not only did they manage to win the whole race, they did it with a severe disadvantage. Sporting only two riders, this team was at a disadvantage, as each school was required to race a minimum of two teams of two riders in each division. This meant that PA's one pair had to race twice, once in each heat set off around the course. Supercharged cyclist Paull Randt '04 and muscle bound Peter Chiu '03 rocketed their way around the challenging turns. In the first heat they completed the course with a time good enough for 1st place overall. Merely one minute after completing their glorious victory, they were sent off to ride their second run of the course. this time managing to pull out a time placing them in 4th overall. The two excellent places earned by the 'B' team were good enough to mark them victorious for the day.

The skilled A team riders had to face intense competition on Saturday. Though starting the day with hopeful wishes, the boys' perfect record thus far was to be dashed by a disastrous turn of events. First off, on the course was dynamic pair of Anthony Roldan '04 and Dave Morse '04. After three laps with times on par for a 1st place finish, Roldan unavoidably fell on a fast 180 degree turn. This unfortunate event stalled the racing pair two whole minutes and erased their chances of placing respectably. After the fall, Roldan mounted his bike frazzled and working with teammate Morse, he managed to fight back from the two minute loss and still best two Exeter pairs.

Thatcher Clay '04 and Peter Stetson '03 zipped through the turns in the third heat. Their complementary riding styles helped them fluidly navigate the various difficulties of the course. They showed great ability and speed, managing to secure a 2nd place finish. Stetson later said, "Though the course was precarious and the venue was poorly organized, overall it was a fun experience. A little danger is what we sometimes live for."

On Wednesday, the team headed up to Loudon, New Hampshire, for the New England Championships. This race is characterized by its high speeds and high tensions, and normally the PA cycling team takes a back seat to the action. This year was different for the big boys in blue.

The girls were the first group to attempt the 10 lap one-mile loop. The girls put in a concerted effort to stick together and win, however, the main girls pack quickly dissolved on the course's sharp turns. Unfortunately, on the last sharp turn of the last lap, Alison Murphy '05 went down on the pavement. She made a surprisingly quick recovery; however, she was not able to complete the course. Morissa Sobelson '05 remarked, "It was a little like the Indie 500, complete with killer turns, screaming fans, and even a few unfortunate fender benders. We were reminded once again that, when it comes to cycling, you have to be ready for anything."

The JV boys meet was filled with intense competition as well. Battling with disease and an infected spider bite, Randt rode strong but was dropped by the main pack of riders. "I am just happy about my win at Exeter; that was my race," Randt commented.

The real victory of the day came in the boys A race. The boys came to the starting line, knowing what they had to do and feeling ready to do it. "Everything just clicked, our bikes were ready to roll from the start of the race," Clay noted about the race. The race started off with an early formidable attack led by Roldan. Finally the pack caught Roldan, at which point Morse made his move to thin the group out. By sprinting, Morse and Roldan cut the pack down to 7 riders, 4 of them from Andover. Piotr Brzezinksi '03, followed a strong attack led by a Tilton rider, was cruising fine until his bike encountered some mechanical failure. The pack by this point was split with the Tilton rider in front. Stetson and two Holderness riders followed closely by Morse and Clay. Clay, who has been battling pneumonia for the past couple of weeks, almost quit in the middle as he was having difficulty breathing.

Clay and Morse joined up with Stetson and the Holderness riders. Due to a brilliant display of professional level racing tactics led by Stetson and Morse, the two Holderness riders were completely spent going into the final sprint. Clay led the sprint off and took second, followed by Morse in third and Stetson in fourth. "I am really proud of the team. We seamlessly rode together to achieve an incredible victory using flawless team tactics," Captain Stetson said.

With only two more races in the season, Andover is sitting in the prep school league standings comfortably in 1st place. Without a doubt, a bright shiny cycling trophy will be soon added to the trophy case in Borden Gym.

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Dave Morse '04, Piotr Brzezinski '03, Anthony Roldan '04, Captain Peter Stetson '03 and Thatcher Clay '04 rejoice after Andover Cycling won the New England Champions title.

With Two Key Wins, RA Cycling Captures the New England Title

by Dave Morse & Thatcher Clay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Alas, the cycling season has concluded and the only consolation to this sad event is that the dedicated Cycling team will be able to meet for even longer and harder practices every day. Having completed one of their finest seasons in many years makes it hard for the team to bid farewell. Additionally, next season, head cycling coach Derek Williams will not be able to offer his worldly wisdom during practice and before races, as he is leaving for sabbatical next spring. Luckily he will leave with fond memories, as the season wound down with two excellent wins by the Big Blue.

CYCLING

Last Saturday, the Profile School hosted the final official meeting of the New England prep school league teams. The course was new to all cyclists in the pack, though enormous hills and dusty descents were suspect. After a controlled downhill start, the pace picked up quickly as the pack was presented with a paramount rise in elevation. Two particularly strong Holderness riders managed to get away off the front of the pack with Piotr Brzezinski '03. As the main peloton strained to catch the breakaway, riders became spread out along the course until three Andover riders, Thatcher Clay '04, Peter Stetson '03, and Dave Morse '04, found themselves unaccompanied by the rest of the pack. Though the Holderness riders tried furiously to shake the three Blue riders from their tails, the breakaway was finally held at bay after ten arduous miles.

The lead pack of six riders powered through the flat section of the course when an abrupt and unexpected turn in the course direction sent Brzezinski off his bike on a sandy stretch of pavement. He quickly re-mounted his bike and proceeded to sprint back to catch up with the lead riders, passing teammate Morse who had been temporarily dropped from the group in the commotion of the same abrupt turn.

Once everyone settled into a brisk pace on the flats heading to the last climb near the finish, Morse, accompanied by Clay, set off on a series of attacks in an attempt to tire the two Holderness riders that had managed to stick with the prominently Blue lead pack.

The entire team felt strong going into the final ascent to the finish. Using precisely timed tactics and professional strategy, Stetson and Brzezinski sprinted 200 yards before the finish. One Holderness rider managed to slip between the two Blue bikers and stayed there through to the finish. Captain Stetson crossed the line in 1st place, with Brzezinski finishing moments behind in 3rd. Morse and Clay finished in 4th and 5th, respectively. After the race, Brzezinski said, "I started the race feeling strong and able. I had no trouble staying out with the Holderness riders, but I was afraid that the chase group of Andover boys would never catch us. Our chances of winning the race as a team increased when they finally decided to join us."

The league awards ceremony after this final race of the season was reason for jubilation. The Big Blue boys' 'A' cycling team was awarded the New England Champions title. The bright, shiny trophy the team had promised to bring back at the beginning of the season will now be displayed in the trophy case of Borden Gym.

On Wednesday, the team headed up to Exeter for a head-to-head time trial dual with the Exeter team. The course was an eight-mile stretch of rolling road. The results of the race proved Andover's premonitions correct. The Big Blue boy's team trounced the Red riders. Morse came in 1st with a time of 19:02, followed by Clay in 2nd at 19:32, and Stetson in 3rd at 19:45. One Exeter rider was able to sneak into 4th place with a time of 19:54. Brzezinksi and Anthony Roldan '04 finished in 5th and 6th, both with times just over 20 minutes. "I was dually impressed with Dave's win, seeing as his bicycle was only partially functioning. Furthermore, this head-to-head time trial is the beginning of another good tradition between Andover and Exeter. The annual meet will serve to promote cycling into both schools' futures."

Andover Cycling Starts Season With Tough Time Trial at Tilton

by Thatcher Clay & Dave Morse
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

On Wednesday the PA cyclists headed north to Tilton, NH, for its first race of the season. Early each cycling season the Tilton School hosts an individual time trial, which consists of 13 miles of rolling hills on which each rider must brave alone, racing only against the clock. After a very short warm up, PA riders were summoned to the line.

The 'A' riders were first to head out, many of them donning flashy time trial bars in an attempt to improve their times. Next the 'B' group headed out, followed by the female athletes.

Despite lower than expected temperatures and a strong cross-wind along the stretch of the course, PA riders fared well overall in the race.

Despite a plethora of mechanical bike difficulties experienced during the race, everyone on the team came away with a positive results. Needless to say, PA had a formidable presence on the road.

The two speed-demons on Wednesday were P. Thatcher Clay '04 and Captain Peter Stetson '03. Both maintained a brisk pace for the length of the course and ended with considerably low times, averaging some 24 miles per hour for the duration of the 13 mile race. Piotr Bresezinski '03 and Anthony Roldan '04 had a strong ride despite the biting weather conditions and hope to place high among New England's top prep-school riders.

Paull Randt '03 and David Morse '03 encountered delays due to mechanical mishaps along the way but managed to fix their bikes and continue the race without losing too much time.

Morse commented, "The rushed warm up along with the colder temperatures and strong wind didn't add up for an ideal race day. That, compounded with the setback caused by my dropped chain, didn't do much to help my race mentality."

Newcomers to cycling Peter Chiu '03 and Alex Wolf '06 proved themselves to be fast riders during its first cycling event. Both put in an all out effort, as Chiu's contorted facial expression and Wolf's show of exhaustion after the race testified to their substantial efforts.

"I was just focused on finishing as quickly a possible. I concentrated on nothing else but pouring every ounce of energy down through the pedals," said Chiu after the race.

Wednesday's race was a first for all five of the new female riders on the team. After calming down its nerves from 'first race' anxiety, all the girls showed great capability for their first time out. Allison Murphy '05 and Morissa Sobelson '05 finished with leading times for the girls, followed closely by Anne Koehler '03, Isabel Ritchie '05, and Clarissa Deng '05.

At the conclusion of the race Sobelson added, "Despite the bumpy roads and cold weather, we all had fun out there for our first race. There was a sense of camaraderie present afterwards for having gone through the hardships together."

The cycling team has a packed schedule for the next few weeks. Tomorrow, the team will head to Plymouth, MA, for a United States Cycling Federation (USCF) sponsored event. This is one of the few chances the PA team has to compare itself to the very best junior riders in the country. The cycling team hopes to dominate tomorrow using its varied arsenal of skilled riders to work the peloton around a 3-mile criterium (loop) course.

Courtesy of Dave Morse

Anthony Roldan '04 and Dave Morse '04 coast towards the finish line in Wednesday's time trial. The Cycling team looks strong this season after the time trial at Tilton.

LEBOW ADMITS HIS TEENY-TINY FANTASY ISSUE

Continued from Page B1, Column 1

agers compete with each other in to start the most impressive lineup, uncover the youngest prospects with the most potential, and most importantly, to battle with vigor in an attempt be crowned fantasy champion.

Some managers are more daring than their competitors. Others rely upon the advice of professional analysts. Some even value players for the plain sake of their name, in the case of Cocco Crisp. For most here at Andover, we do not intend to play in the MLB, NBA, NFL or even MLL. However, for all of you that dream of coaching the Tampa Bay Devil Rays or starting at point guard, shortstop, or running back for your favorite team, online sports offer a solution to these problems.

Some of the most successful fantasy managers are unathletic men and women who watch the same episode of Sportcenter from 11 til' 11, in search of new players to add to their arsenal. They devour bon-bons as energy supplements instead of power bars. Although it is unfortunate, many managers root for rivals if it benefits their team. Nevertheless most gurus, such as those here, are fervent fans in search of another sports related activity and some extracurricular fun. Each time my lineup dominates, I am more content when I fall asleep, and those common nightmares of having a team plagued with injuires do not occur, only those involving Count Chocula and three foot cucumbers.

I'll admit that I am a fantasy fanatic. I attend sports games nationwide, listen to broadcasts on the radio, read periodicals, and analyze coaches's decisions, partly in hopes of advantages over my fellow managers, but most importantly for my love of sports. You might think that this game would bore an active teenager like myself, but you have no idea. So very few understand the art of fantasy baseball. I know the constant talk of fantasy sports for some of you is bothersome, but let us do what we were put on this planet to do: enjoy sports and play fantasy.

Andover Cycling Takes First At NE Prep-School Championships

by Dave Morse & Thatcher Clay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

The Phillips Academy Cycling team flew through one of its finest seasons in a decade, winning seven of the eight races this season and claiming the title of New England Prep-School Champions. Though the races are over, the Big Blue riders are far from finished. All five of the fine-tuned racing machines that make up the Andover Boy's 'A' Cycling team will continue to train to the end of school and on into the heat of the summer.

By increasing their level of racing for next year's season, the rising Seniors on the team hope to carry on the legacy that Andover cycling has left this year. As for the two Seniors leaving Andover, their presence will be greatly missed. Captain Peter Stetson '03 and Piotr Brzezinski '03 have unified the team off the bike as much as on the road.

The season started off on a good note, as the number of cyclists on the team more than doubled from last year. "We already knew that the team was going to be strong this year, but the increased size of the team led to an increased level of enthusiasm during practice and at races," Brzezinski said. Boasting a revived girls team and a larger 'B' team, Andover cycling looks to be quite a presence in the league for seasons to come.

Though the 2003 season saw snow, rain, mud, and frigid temperatures, these natural challenges served only to harden the cyclists and prepare them for the tough roads ahead. The Big Blue rode through the cold to victory in their début at an individual time trial in Tilton, NH.

Following the first victory, the boys entered in the Adelphia Grand Prix. Thatcher Clay '04 managed to take first place over the finest Junior cyclists in the nation and took home Athlete of the Week honors to boot. This accomplishment set the tone for the season and was a highlight of the season for Clay.

The Holderness road race victory proved that the Blue riders were tactically capable as well as physically capable. In a glorious showing of teamwork and precise timing, Morse and Anthony Roldan '04 initiated various attacks in an attempt to wind the competition. This tactic proved successful, as PA finished the race with four riders in the top five placings.

Racing through the mountainous scenery of Grafton Notch, ME, the Blue challenged Gould Academy for a hard-fought victory. The relentless hill climbs allowed the Big Blue to shed slower riders, leaving positions two, four, six, and eight to be filled by Blue cyclists at the finish line.

Narrow and winding through the streets of Exeter campus, the Exeter criterium race was a fast-paced two-man time trial that stymied the A riders, but proved to be a perfect venue for the Andover B riders. Paull Randt '04 and Peter Chiu '03 raced twice together, coming in first and fourth in each heat and singlehandedly winning the overall B team victory for the Boys in Blue. The Andover A riders, plagued with sickness and mechanical difficulties, had a disappointing race.

The Big Blue A riders struck back on the hilly moonscape of Loudon's annual New England Championships. Morse and Roldan led the start of the race with a series of attacks, which thinned the pack out. Brzezinski put in a valiant effort and was en route for a top two finish, but, disappointingly, a broken derailleur stopped his lead. The end of the 15-mile race was characterized by brilliant tactics on the part of the PA cycling team, allowing the boys to oust their competition for the New England Cup and place riders in the second, third, and fourth spots.

The early morning race at the Profile School in Bethlehem, New Hampshire was the last of the regular Prep-School League race series. On a hilly course with monster climbs, Andover's cycling team cemented their place as New England High School Cycling Champions for 2003. After a dazzling display of cooperation and tactics, Stetson crossed the line in first place. The victory propelled Stetson to third in league in points scored. The rest of the team came across in third, fourth, fifth, and ninth place.

In the beginning of the season, the Exeter Cycling coach challenged the PA boys to a time trial, which was played out in the back woods of New Hampshire as the last race of the season. The Boys in Blue raced in shirt and tie and proceeded to trounce Andover's legendary rival. "This year everyone was stronger and more willing to give what it takes to win," returning rider Clay reflected. "With a large team and devoted coaches, we were able to make one of the best runs for Phillips Academy cycling in its history."

What really brought the team together this year was the amazing show of leadership on part of the graduating Seniors, Stetson and Brzezinski. "The riders on the team this year worked together and were willing to sacrifice more than any other team I have ridden with, and that is what brought us the New England trophy," Stetson commented about the season. "Without the work of Stetson and Piotr, the season wouldn't have turned out as it did," new rider Chiu noted.

An eight-race season brought seven victories for the PA cycling team. "Winning is always fun, but the best part was just riding with everyone during practice," Captain Stetson said. All in all, the PA cycling team had a great year. With any luck, next year's team will pull in one more New England title.

SPORT: Golf

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: Anthony Pucillo

MANAGER:

COACH: Nat Smith, Frank Hannah, Bill Scott

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 3 LOST 4 TIED

Letter Winners

Brennan, Matthew
Curtis, Meade
Feldmann, Gregory
Ford, James
Lepke, Kirk
Mendal, Jayme
Pucillo, Anthony
Tassinari, Paul
Watson, Emily
Watson, James

Golf

			PA	OPP
Sat. 4/5/2003	(A)	TABOR	cancelled	
Wed. 4/9/2003	(H)	EXETER/GDA	cancelled	
Thurs. 4/10/2003	(H)	BELMONT HILL	cancelled	
Wed. 4/16/2003	(H)	HOLDERNESS	10.5	2.5
Fri. 4/25/2003	(H)	NEW HAMPTON	4.5	7.5
Wed. 4/30/2003	(A)	ST. MARK'S	5.5	6.5
Fri. 5/2/2003	(A)	TILTON	4:45	
Sat. 5/3/2003	(A)	DEERFIELD	2.5	7.5
Wed. 5/7/2003	(A)	THAYER(BRAINTREE)/BBN		
		Thayer	1.5	5.5
		BBN	5.5	1.5
Sat. 5/10/2003	(A)	GDA/EXETER		
Wed. 5/14/2003	(H)	RIVERS	12	0
Sat. 5/17/2003	(A)	EXETER/GDA		
Sat. 5/24/2003	(A)	EXETER/GDA	rained out	

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
GOLF ROSTER
2003

Name	Yr	Hometown
Brennan, Matt	05	Andover, MA
Curtis, Meade	04	Boxford, MA
Feldmann, Greg	05	Wellesley, MA
Ford, James	03	Andover, MA
Kelly, James	06	Rye, NY
Keyes, Simon	06	Concord, MA
Lepke, Kirk	04	North Andover, MA
Manice, Henry	05	Dover, MA
Mazzolini, Nick	03	Anchorage, AK
Mendal, Jayme	03	Swampscott, MA
Pucillo, Anthony	03	Alpharetta, GA
Russsel, Steve	04	Andover, MA
Tassinari, Paul	04	Andover, MA
Tassinari,Tom	06	Andover, MA
Watson, Emily	05	Rocky Mount, NC
Watson, James	06	Rocky Mount, NC

Coaches: Nat Smith, Bill Scott, Frank Hannh
Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Mngr: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller

4/16/03

Golf Team Bullies Holderness

With warm breezes blowing PA's undefeated golf team teed off at Trull Brook versus a Holderness squad which had barely seen a golf course beneath northern New Hampshire's snow. Two hours later, in the near freezing cold, PA was still undefeated after winning easily 10.5 to 2.5.

PA's first duo of Greg Feldmann and Captain Tony Pucillo won all three of their points, both matches and their best-ball point. Both shot solid 2 over par 38s with Feldy driving the par 4 ninth green and nearly decapitating the indefatigable whale of a Holderness coach. Kirk Lepke and James Ford won two points. Paul Tassinari and Junior James Watson swept all three of their points with Watson shooting a 39 that couda and shouda been a 37. Meade Curtis, Jayme Mendal and Matt Brennan won 2.5 points of their total four points. Meado had leaf problems and his opponent did "some weird things."

PA Golf Falls Behind in Tri-meet With Deerfield Big Green, Exeter

by Paul Tassinari
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

In the second segment of the three-leg match against Governor Dummer Academy and Phillips Exeter Academy, the Varsity Golf team narrowed the margin between themselves and their opponents. The top players played strong rounds, shooting within eight strokes of Exeter for the match. After the first leg of nine holes and this past Saturday's eighteen-hole match, GDA remains in the lead with a low combined score of 614. Exeter currently stands at a distant 642 strokes and Andover at 650.

GOLF

Saturday, the three schools met at Portsmouth Country Club, a long and narrow course that did not play towards Andover's game. From the back tees, the team faced a 7,171-yard course that featured many holes that were bordered with water. The match was complicated by the fact that Andover was also playing match play against the Big Red for the Lovell Cup.

The winner of stroke play between the three schools takes home the Witherspoon Cup, while the Phillips rivals also counted the round as the first half of their separate Lovell Cup. With the nearly impossible task of beating the overbearing GDA team, Andover focused on its direct match up with the Big Red. Andover hopes to retake the Lovell Cup by winning the majority of its seven individual matches. Each match consists of thirty-six holes—the first half of which were played Saturday.

Playing at the number one spot, Greg Feldmann golfed impressively until the last five holes, but came in with a win over his Exeter opponent and an impressive 80 for the stroke play. In the second slot, the rising star James Watson '06 shot the low round of the day with a 78 and the match play victory. Watson overcame the pressure of his family, who came to watch the match. He commented, "I'm glad I played well for my family. I liked the course too, I finally have some fast greens that I'm used to."

The three and four spots met hard times with the middle of the Exeter lineup. Captain Tony Pucillo '03 and Meade Curtis '04 both fell to their opponents, who shot scores in the low 80's. 'Pooch' had to say afterward, "That course was just too long for me. That one hole, the 480-yard par four, I hit my driver then my driving iron and still ended up short. I can't physically do any better."

Kirk Lepke '04 won in the fifth spot with a close game, especially on the nail-bitingly pressure-filled last hole. Relieved, he later reflected, "I don't think that anyone watching knew that I had to make my put. I was nervous when I walked up to hit the ball, but when I saw it curve down the hill and drop in for the win it was a huge relief."

Paul Tassinari '04 and Jayme Mendal '03 played in the relaxing six and seven slots and were guaranteed a victory before the match began. Mendal seems to believe, "Obviously my unmatchable skill frightened the Exies away. Tass is kind of big too, but I think they forfeited when their coach told them Mendal decided to play." Despite talking in the third person, Mendal did not scare his opponent away. Exeter simply could not field a team of seven, allowing Andover to walk away with an easy win.

In the competition for the Witherspoon Cup, the top five Andover players' scores counted. The seemingly too relaxed Tassinari and Mendal blew up in a poor showing. 'Top Dogg Feldy' felt it was necessary to question their play, "I don't understand how Tassinari can shoot four practice rounds in the thirties and then show up to the match and tank it. He needs to step it up next week if we're going to pass Exeter for second place in the Witherspoon Cup."

The Lovell Cup has essentially been reclaimed by Andover. Andover leads Exeter 5-2 and is assured two more forfeited matches this Saturday for an effective lead of 7-2. Leading 7-2, the Big Blue have five more matches this Saturday at Stowe Acres. Thus the best their rivals can hope for is a sweep on Saturday and a tie. 'Loud Mouth Watson,' as Coach Smith has named him, feels confident in a victory, "We'll win. At least one of us will win."

The final leg of the Witherspoon Cup and of the Lovell Cup will be fought out on PA's home grounds at Stowe Acres. Last year's graduate, Charlie Poole '02, stopped by to play a round with team and wish them good luck, "Eh, you guys will find some way to blow it."

Andover Golf Demolishes Holderness at Hilview CC

by Paul Tassinari
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**10.5**
Holderness	**2.5**

Holderness really just did not have a chance as PA's undefeated varsity golf stomped over their competition en route to earning their first win of the season. The team played a combination of individual match play and partnered best ball. Coach Nat Smith decided on a starting team the night before, which turned out to be a wise choice. The top five remained the same with Greg Feldmann '05 and Anthony Pucillo '03 playing the one and two spots, James Ford '03 and Kirk Lepke '04 in the third and fourth seeds, and James Watson '06 rounding out the top five. In a battle for the three remaining spots, Paul Tassinari '04, Meade Curtis '04, and Jayme Mendal '03 prevailed, positioned in the six through eight slots respectively. Coach Smith brought Matt Brennan '05 when Holderness' coach called for a last minute ninth player.

Eager to finally play their first match, the team was both anxious and confident. Everyone knew that Pooch and Feldmann would play well, who both shot rounds of two-over-par 38's, but not everyone was sure about the potential of the team's four rookies. Wednesday marked the first matches for Watson, Tassinari, Curtis and Brennan. Pucillo, the team's captain, commented on the performance of the 'rookies,' "Well, I guess you could say that the new guys went three for four. Watson and Tassinari took all three points in their match, Brennan won his, but Meado, apparently he had some problems."

By earning one point for every individual who beat their head-to-head opponent and one point for each pair who combined to outshoot their rival twosome, the team won by a margin of 10.5 to 2.5, earning half-points for any ties. Pucillo and Feldmann at one and two, as well as Watson and Tassinari at five and six, swept all three points in their partnerships. Lepke also won his match and his pair won the team point despite Ford falling in the number three spot. Mendal tied his match, and partnered with Meade, won the team point. Brennan also won a point in a single match up. Lepke claims, "Our team is like the Pats; no one thinks we're any good, but we find a way to win."

After determining PA's clear victory, Mr. Smith began to supply the typical comedy with a little help from Curtis. Before even finishing his round, Meade came over to explain his situation, "I shot par on the last five holes and still lost." After a little thought, Mr. Smith refused to believe Meade and upon telling the coach of Holderness, the coach joked, "Maybe he shoots bogie golf and thinks a bogie is par." On the ride back from the match Mr. Smith continued the jesting, "Meado had a big day today. It was his first loss. And his last match."

After the dominating victory, everyone made their predictions for the rest of the season. Mr. Smith declared optimistically, "You guys better tell everyone you're undefeated because by our next match, we won't be." Mr. Smith continued to raise the team's hopes by informing them, "Belmont Hill will crush us. So will GDA, and probably New Hampton and definitely Tabor. You know, it's too bad that our match against Tilton wasn't rescheduled because then we might have ended up with two wins. Boy, do those guys s***."

Feldmann was one of the few with a positive attitude, "We can be really good if everyone plays the best golf of their lives next week against New Hampton and then plays a little better every match. Even if we lose, everyone wants to be on the golf team. We get shirts and jackets and the chance to play golf everyday." The team hopes to act upon Feldmann's words of encouragement and play well next Friday and Saturday in their matches against New Hampton and Belmont Hill.

Golf Slugs By Exeter For Lovell Cup to Cap Season

by Paul Tassanari
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Golf began the 2003 season in a tough sand trap, a bunker that no one expected them to get out of. Not only did the team get out, but the wedge shot landed just edges from the green, as the squad overcame much preseason skepticism to finish at .500 in match play and reclaim the Lovell Cup from archrival Exeter. After losing five starters to graduation in 2002, the younger players stepped up to the challenge. The team's efforts were aided by an outstanding frosh, James Watson '06. Over the course of the season he slid up to the second slot and played a nearly perfect season with Greg Feldmann '05.

The team came out firing in its first match against Holderness in a 10.5-2.5 victory. The first match provided the team with high hopes that many expected were soon to fall.

After their first victory, the team sunk to 1-4 after falling to New Hampton, St. Mark's, Deerfield, and Thayer. The horrific streak cast shadows over the team as they nearly lost interest in their season. Following a mediocre win and then a sweep of Rivers Academy, the team was rejuvenated and just in time, heading into the heart of the season, the competition for both the Witherspoon and Lovell Cups.

Despite facing an unassailable Governor Dummer Academy squad for the Witherspoon Cup, the Big Red were certainly a beatable opponent for the Lovell Cup. In the leading role, Feldmann played up to his standards and defeated his Exeter opponent in the first 18-hole round of the tournament. James Watson shot the low round of the day with a 78, winning his match.

The three and four spots met hard times with the middle of the Exeter lineup. Captain Tony Pucillo '03 and Meade Curtis '04 both fell to their opponents, who shot scores in the low 80's. Afterwards, Pucillo said, "That course was just too long for me. That one hole, the 480-yard par four, I hit my driver then my driving iron and still ended up short. I can't physically do any better."

Kirk Lepke '04 won in the fifth spot with a little drama on the last hole with the gallery watching. Relieved, he later mentioned, "I don't think that anyone watching knew that I had to make my putt. I was nervous when I walked up to hit the ball, but when I saw it curve down the hill and drop in for the win, it was a huge relief."

Exeter forfeited the 6th and 7th spots to Paul Tassinari '04 and Jayme Mendal '03 because they have only five golfers. Thus, after the first day, Andover took a 5-2 lead at a demanding Portsmouth Country Club. The second round had been scheduled for the following weekend at Stowe Acres, Andover's home turf.

Miserable weather on Memorial Day Weekend produced a postponing of the tournament and an eventual surrendering of the competition by Exeter's head coach.

Coach Nat Smith congratulated the team in his typical nonchalant nature, "Saturday's rain-out means we won the Lovell Cup 5-2. Highlight of the season." Captain Pucillo sent the team off, as he will be graduating in the Class of 2003, saying, "We had a good year with the players we had. Next year though, you guys have no excuses, you better rock both cups." Even Smith believes Andover will boast a strong team next year. In Smith's words, "We will be a golf team next year."

Andover Golf Splashes By Rivers Academy in Sweep

by Paul Tassinari
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**12**
Rivers	**0**

Last Saturday, Varsity Golf played the first segment of a three-leg match against Governor Dummer Academy and Phillips Exeter Academy. A moderate showing at Newbury Country Club put the team in a depressing third place. However, the team hopes to finish in second, above the Big Red.

The three schools each send out seven players and count the top five scorers per team. Exeter can only field five golfers out of 1,017 enrolled students and thus must count all of its players. Thus, nearly the entire PA team believes the Blue will prevail. Kirk Lepke '04, who shot a third best 44 on Saturday said, "We will beat Exeter. They only have five people on their whole team and their fifth seed was all over the place on Saturday."

Coach Nat Smith brought eight players to compete in a stroke play format, knowing that the eighth was along purely for the experience. Coach Smith was upset with himself for the second year in a row when eighth seed, Paul Tassinari '04, posted a third best 43 that could not count. Last year at the same course, Lepke played the eight spot and beat the entire team with a 41.

Andover is currently sitting last in the tournament for the Witherspoon Cup, which GDA seeks to retain. The nearly unbeatable squad of GDA that averaged below a 39 will most likely win the Cup for the second consecutive year.

Wednesday, the team faced an inconsequential opponent in Rivers Academy. Upon the arrival of the unorganized group, Captain Anthony Pucillo '03, commented, "We got this in the bag. And Tassinari, look at your guy (opponent), I don't care what one through seven do, but if you lose at eight, your golf career is over." Tassinari and the rest of the team came through sweeping Rivers Academy 12-0.

Back to the familiar match play format, each pair won both the individual matches and the best-ball points. Smith put Greg Feldmann '05 and James Watson '06 at one and two. Captain Pucillo played with Jayme Mendal '03 at three and four, while Kirk Lepke '04 and Meade Curtis '04 played five and six. Rounding out the team of eight were James Ford '03 and Tassinari.

Meade Curtis looked for a strong showing after a disappointing round on Saturday. His own frustration after Saturday fueled a fantastic practice round in which he holed an eagle from one hundred and twenty yards out. Meade carried his impressive play into Wednesday when he shot par on the last five holes of his match.

PA's first JV golf team lost on Wednesday with a score of 3.5-5.5. The team traveled to the cape to challenge Tabor's JV team at Acushnet River Valley. After a solid performance two weeks ago against GDA, the team fell to a more talented Tabor squad. The climax of the match was in the three-four combo of Simon Keyes '06 and Tom Tassinari '06. This pair, the only victorious golfers on the team, also won their best ball. The pair shot a net 34 aided by Tassinari's low round of 37. Out of the group of Captain Nick Mazzolini '03, Matt Brennan '05, Keyes, Tassinari, Steve Russell '04, and last-minute pickup Pete Smith '03, Brennan was the only other not to lose by tying his opponent and shooting a 38.

The Varsity team will play the second leg of the Lovell Cup this Saturday at Portsmouth Country Club where they hope to make up for their play last Saturday. The round will also count as a match play competition against Exeter. The home leg of the tournament for Andover is scheduled for May 24th at Stowe Acres.

SPORT:__Boys Lacrosse_____

YEAR:__2002-2003____

CAPTAIN: Jesse Bardo

MANAGER: Katherin Hunckler, Elizabeth Maxwell

COACH: John Dugan

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Leon Modeste

SEASON RECORD

WON_ 8___LOST___3____TIED_____

Letter Winners

Andre, Aldun
Bardo, Jesse
Barron, Thomas
Boeschenstein, Harold
Bush-Brown, David
Doherty, John
Ferraro, Craig
Freker, Beau
Goldstein, Henry
Harrold, Charles
Hawkins, Thomas
Hayes, Whitney
Hunckler, Katherine
Kellogg, Nathan
Kennedy, Samuel
Kim, Sung
Malo, Nathaniel
McChristian, Ryan
Mittnacht, Arthur
Perry, David
Shannon, Patrick
Uchiyama, Yusuke
Ward, Andrew
Ward, Matthew
Wilkinson, David
Williams, Neville

Boys Lacrosse

			PA	OPP
Wed. 4/2/2003	(A)	PINGREE	scrimmage	
Sat. 4/5/2003	(A)	WINCHESTER HS	cancelled	
Wed. 4/9/2003	(A)	N.M.H	cancelled	
Sat. 4/12/2003	(H)	PORTSMOUTH ABBEY	cancelled	
Wed. 4/16/2003	(H)	BRIDGTON ACADEMY	9	8
Sat. 4/19/2003	(H)	HYDE (ME)	14	3
Wed. 4/23/2003	(H)	HOLDERNESS	11	7
Sat. 4/26/2003	(H)	DEERFIELD	7	13
Wed. 4/30/2003	(A)	PINKERTON	12	13
Sat. 5/3/2003	(A)	LOOMIS	7	11
Sat. 5/10/2003	(H)	K.U.A.	20	9
Wed. 5/14/2003	(A)	MOSES BROWN	18	8
Wed. 5/15/2003	(H)	MALDEN CATHOLIC (from 5/21)	10	7
Sat. 5/17/2003	(H)	TABOR	14	10
Sat. 5/24/2003	(A)	EXETER	8	7

Phillips Academy

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

2003

NO.	NAME	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
	Boylan, Dean	S	D	Andover, MA
1	Bardo, Jesse	S	A	Andover, MA
2	McChristian, Ryan	S	M	Ridgefield, CT
3	Kennedy, Sam	L	M	Cumberland, ME
5	Shannon, Patrick	L	D	Andover,MA
6	Wilkinson, Dave	L	M	Rowayton, CT
6	BushBrown,Spencer	S	A	Dedham, MA
7	Goldstein, Harry	L	D/M	Chicago, IL
9	Kellogg, Nate	L	M	Natick, MA
10	Hayes, Whitney	S	A	Princeton, NJ
11	Doherty, John	S	M	Lynnfield, MA
12	Mittnacht, Arthur	U	M	Skillman,NJ
13	Barron, Thomas	U	A/M	New York, NY
14	Harrold, Charles	U	D	Chicago, IL
15	Andre, Aldun	S	M	Bronx, NY
16	Perry, David	L	A	New York, NY
18	Boeschenstein, Harold	U	A	Marblehead, MA
19	Ward, Andrew	S	M	Boxford, MA
21	Ward, Matt	J	D/M	Boxford, MA
22	Uchiyama, Yusuke	L	A	Cincinnati, OH
23	Freker, Beau	L	D/M	Cinncinati, OH
24	Malo, Nate	S	G	Atkinson, NH
30	Hawkins, Thomas	L	M	Marblehead, MA
31	Sung Kim	J	D	Roslyn, NY
44	Williams, Neville	L	G	Lynn, MA
48	Ferraro, Craig	S	M	New York, NY

Coach: John Dugan
Leon Modeste

Mngrs: Kathrine Hunckler
Elizabeth Maxwell

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton

Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki
Mike Kuta

4/23

Big Win For Boys Lacrosse Against Holderness

Andover's varsity boys lacrosse team won a very important and closely-contested game 11-7 against a fundamentally sound Holderness team. The Blue enjoyed the lead for most of the game, but often Holderness was able to pull within one goal. The game ended with a three-goal Andover scoring burst, but this was indeed a very close game that most anticipated would come down to the final possessions. The Holderness goalie played extremely well, stopping several point-blank shots. Whitney Hayes '03 led all scorers with seven goals and two assists. John Doherty '03 and Tom Barron '04 continued with their strong play at midfield. Drew Ward '03 and Cotton Harrold '04 played exceptionally well on defense. Harrold had a very key ground ball on a broken Holderness clear that allowed the Blue to maintain possession and eventually score. Goalie Nate Malo '03 had several key stops throughout the game and really kept PA in it. Despite the long weekend and the indoor practice on Tuesday, the team was able to find a way to win in the face of great hustle, coaching, and determination on the part of a very good Holderness squad. This is a win that the team can continue to build upon.

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Even the valiant efforts of the Holderness defenders cannot deter Whitney Hayes '03 from finding the back of the net. Hayes has delivered this season, and played even better than advertised.

Boys Lacrosse Dominates Hyde; Captain Bardo '03 Leads Attack

by Sarah Takvorian
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	14
Hyde	3

Andover	10
Holderness	7

Presenting the number one team in the ISL Northeast region. That is right, after rolling over Hyde (Maine) and Holderness this week, the boys and their 4-0 record are ranked number one in the North/East/ISL league and seventy-second in the nation by www.laxpower.com.

BOYS LACROSSE

Taking on Hyde last Saturday was not what one could call an extremely difficult feat for the team. It was a game that made every player stand out and gave PA a chance to rotate its lineup. Captain Jesse Bardo '03 displayed his usual spectacular skill level, and off of assists from Whitney Hayes '03, Hobie Boeschenstein '04, Tom Barron '04, and Spencer Bush-Brown '03, Bardo managed to score PA's first four goals in the first quarter. The fifth goal was scored by Bush-Brown off of an assist from Hayes. The Hyde game was Bush-Brown's first back after an ACL tear earlier this year. Unfortunately, one Hyde goal got passed by goalie extraordinaire Nate Malo '03, bringing the score to 5-1.

The second quarter brought just as much offensive success for PA. The team had some great ground ball pickups, while still maintaining tight defense and showering the opposing net with shots.

A tenth goal came once again from Bush-Brown in the third quarter, an eleventh from Barron, and a twelfth from Hayes. Additional goals were netted by Dave Perry '05, the first goal in his PA lacrosse career, and Hayes once more. Reserve Neville Williams '05 relieved Malo in goal in the fourth quarter. In the end, with key players such as Barron, Bush-Brown, Bardo, Hayes, and Boeschenstein, the Big Blue came out on top with an overmatched 14-3 win over Hyde.

Wednesday brought a slightly more evenly matched team, Holderness. The Big Blue rose to the challenge to take an exciting victory over Holderness.

The first half flew by with PA showcasing their usual offensive dominance. Off assists from Doherty, Bardo, and Bush-Brown, an amazing seven goals rocketed out of Hayes' stick, leading the Big Blue to victory. Barron blasted in another goal off an assist from Bardo.

Despite Andover's dominance on the offensive end, Holderness found holes in the Blue backline, and netted six goals of their own. The defense was strong, however, and prevented any goals in a two man down situation. Midfielders Beau Freker '05, Harry Goldstein '05 and Tom Hawkins '06 played solidly. In the fourth quarter, Holderness scored its seventh goal with 4:20 minutes left in the game. The goal forced Coach John Dugan '92 to send in Boeschenstein, hoping for him to boost the offense. With Boeschenstein in, Hayes received the game ball at the end and scored the ninth goal, and Bush-Brown scored PA's tenth off a great set-up by Bardo. Ward commented on the game, "It was a tight game...The team played very well with the game on the line and had a great scoring streak that pulled us into the lead and made the Holderness kids lose hope."

Athlete of the Week

Nate Malo '03

"There is much more to being a sound goalie in lacrosse than simply being able to stop a ball flung very hard at you from every conceivable angle."

— Coach John Dugan

by Wes Howe
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

In the spring of 2002, the Boys' Varsity Lacrosse team faced a difficult challenge. The squad entered the season without a single goalie in the program. The previous goalkeeper had graduated with the Class of 2001, and the JV goalie decided he had no interest in playing. In a fix, someone had to step up and take the pivotal position. Nate Malo '03 decided he would be that someone. Coach John Dugan, in his first season as the Blue's Head Coach last year, started Malo's training as soon as he could.

Dugan remembered, "I started taking shots on Nate last winter in the cage. We worked on some fundamentals about goalie play and had the opportunity to begin to learn some about the position as I tried to teach; at the same time, though, I knew that there were things about that position that I could not teach him. He would simply have to learn by doing." Malo's remarkable adaptation to the position, in addition to his strong play this past week, is what sets him apart as Athlete of the Week.

Over the last two years, Malo has grown into a high caliber goalie. Captain Jesse Bardo '03 said of Malo, "I can safely say that he is among the top five goalies in New England." Malo's drive to the top has been fueled by total commitment to the sport. Coach Dugan pointed out that, "Nate learned a lot last season and was probably too hard on himself when he didn't make the saves. He has an earnest personality and does not like things sugar coated – he approached me several times last season, reassuring me that it would be all right with him if I put in the back-up goalie if I thought it would be best for the team. Nate is unselfish and hard on himself, often to a fault."

This season Malo has taken control of the defensive end, leading the group and working with them to correct any problems during games. Dugan said of him, "This year, after spending a portion of his summer at goalie camp, Nate entered the season with newfound confidence. Nate was very brave throughout the Maryland trip – he saw dozens of shots in each quarter of our play down there. We were facing better and more practiced teams, but Nate never got down and never blamed his defense, a defense that was still learning to play as a unit. Back in Andover, Coach [Leon] Modeste and I often marveled at how Nate was simply becoming a goalie before our very eyes, with each passing day of practice. He has helped Neville Williams, his back-up, as he himself is developing into a very strong goalie. He leads the defense, which is now committed to huddling up after each goal given up – a lesson learned down in Maryland. While as coaches we never hear what is said out there in those brief huddles before the next face off, I am sure that Nate takes more than his fair share of the blame for the goals."

Malo's work ethic has been noted by all members of the team, and many are wowed at the progress he has made in his short goalie tenure. Tom Barron '04 remarked that "[Malo] has a tremendous work ethic which has become very evident in his recent play. The fact that he only started playing goalie last year is a testament to that as well."

Malo thrives in close games, and delivered a glimmering performance against Holderness. With several outstanding saves he kept the boys in the running, and was a key part of their win.

Malo plans to continue playing at the University of New Hampshire next year, and if his current learning curve continues he will undoubtedly become their most valuable player. With three games left in regular season play, the team does well in trusting the play of Malo to lead them to victory. His perseverance and general competitive nature, Coach Dugan especially values Malo's work, as he recognizes the position of goalie in lacrosse as one of the most difficult in all sports.

Dugan said, "Goalies are the leaders of the defense in lacrosse – they are the quarterbacks out there, so to speak, who help direct the defense in both settled and unsettled play. They are essential in the clearing game. There is much more to being a sound goalie in lacrosse than simply being able to stop a ball flung very hard at you from every conceivable angle. People say that the hardest thing to do in sports is to hit a round ball with a round bat, and that might be true, but I would put being a lacrosse right up there too – especially when the game is being played at a high level." Malo has all of the necessary qualities and has served the Boys in Blue soundly for the last two seasons.

S. Hall/ *The Phillipian*

Captain Jesse Bardo '03 stalks the Kimball Union Academy crease, looking to snipe a shot past several defenders in Saturday's dominating win.

Andover Boys Lacrosse Powers Past KUA, Downs Moses Brown

by Sarah Takvorian
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	20
K.U.A.	9
Andover	18
Moses Brown	8

Andover Boys Lacrosse used their mini-vacation wisely, returning from a week without games to curtail their potentially catastrophic three-game losing streak. The boys blasted their return across the Andover campus with two knock-out wins over K.U.A. and Moses Brown.

BOYS LACROSSE

In what was undeniably a no-brainer of a game, the boys pulled their act together after their latest loss to Loomis and admirably claimed the strong victory by the margin of 20–9, walking over K.U.A. PA's only night game gave fans the thrill that they surely came to see and successfully lit a flame under the Big Blue's defense, midfield, and attack players.

For perhaps the first time this season, the boys truly played as a great team. With every member of the team seemingly possessing a newfound vigor, a certain will to win, a certain je-ne- sais-quoi, it was hard for the defense to know on whom to focus on the field. The ball was consistently and smoothly passed from stick to stick as though the players were reading one another's minds.

The offensive line showed true finesse and aggression, with standouts including Captain Jesse Bardo '03, Tom Barron '04, Spencer Bush-Brown '03, John Doherty '03, and PG Whitney Hayes. With the aforementioned five players mixing and matching as shooters and assisters, the number on the "HOME" side of Phelps' scoreboard continued to rise steadily throughout the game.

Additional goals, courtesy of Tom Hawkins '06, who with each game reminds fans that age and skill do not necessarily go hand in hand, Dave Wilkinson '05, and Ryan McChristian '03 powered the boys. The score surely would have been much higher if the K.U.A. goalie had not played so well, and yet PA's 20 goals were still an immense improvement over their measly seven in their game against Loomis.

Had it not been for a great defensive lineup as well as a strong midfield, however, the offense would not receive the ball in the first place. With the midfield incessantly intercepting K.U.A.'s passes, successfully switching fields, and quickly changing from a defensive mindset to an offensive one, the ball never stayed in our defensive side very long. Players Doherty and Matt Ward '06 added true depth to the game, bringing their speed, numerous ground ball pickups, and good sense of the field. On defense, Nate Malo '03, PA's spectacular goalie, blocked goal attempts right and left, high and low– when the defenders allowed any shots on net, that is. Cotton Harrold '04 and Pat Shannon '05 played a tight game on their K.U.A. opponents, and both relentlessly fought off any K.U.A. breakaways. As Coach John Dugan explained, the key to the victory was that the boys "started to extend our defense, and all the guys really played up a level."

The remarkable win over K.U.A. surely gave the boys the heart they needed to take anoth-

Continued on Page B2, Column 3

BOYS LACROSSE BLASTS MOSES; EXETER IS NEXT

MALO SOLID IN NET

Continued from Page B1, Column 4

er triumph over Moses Brown on Wednesday. Equally strong, the Moses Brown game seemed to be a mirror image of the K.U.A. one: aggressive offense supported by a smart defense, both linked by a quick midfield. In each game, PA cycled through its lineup, allowing relief players to get valuable playing time as well as starters. Also, Neville Williams '05 relieved Malo in goal in the fourth quarter of each game.

Moses Brown was the first to score, and though PA's own first goal did not follow for another painstaking 10 minutes the boys did not lose faith. PA scored five goals in three minutes, and it was quickly obvious that the Big Blue would be the victorious ones once again.

Both Bush-Brown and Drew Ward '03 showed tremendous athleticism and played one of, if not the best games of this season. PA goals flew off the sticks of Hayes, Hobie Boeschenstein '04, Bardo, Doherty, Hawkins, and Yusuke Uchiyama '05.

Coming back from several losses can be one of the more difficult things for a team to have to overcome, and yet in the end, the boys showed that they have what it takes.

Dugan attributes PA's latest wins to a constantly high level of play and especially to strong senior leadership. Painting a picture of the bus ride back from the Moses Brown game, he describes "Hawkins talking to Malo, Wardo ['06] talking to Bardo, and all the guys, no matter what class, acting as a team on and off the field." With that in mind, great things can surely be expected from the team as their season winds down and their game against Exeter approaches.

PA Lacrosse Mauls Malden Catholic, Stuns Seawolves

by Sarah Takvorian
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	10
Malden Catholic	7

Andover	14
Tabor	10

Make that four in a row. Continuing their winning streak, the Boys of Varsity Lacrosse hauled home another two wins last week, downing both Malden Catholic and Tabor.

PA fought against more than just Malden Catholic Thursday, and from the way the game was shaping up even prior to the first face off, PA would be in for a rough afternoon. Postponed after league scheduling conflicts, the boys had to rush from seventh period class, ending at 2:50, to the field in time to warm up for the opening draw at 3:10. MC added to the hurry of Andover pre game preparation by arriving in blue jerseys, a move that forced PA back to the locker-room to change into their white ("away" game) jerseys. When the first whistle was blown, the boys were understandably exhausted and it showed. In the first quarter, PA fell behind 4-0. The MC offense bombarded goalie Nate Malo '03 with shots, despite PA's defensive efforts. Worried about his troops, Coach Dugan called a timeout, made some adjustments on the lineup. With newfound energy, the boys quickly tied up the score.

Though MC played a tight zone defense and put unswerving pressure on the ball carrier, the Andover offense adjusted well and got off several quick shots to take the lead. No combo was more impressive than a feed from Spencer Bush-Brown '03 to Captain Jesse Bardo '03 in front of the Malden net. John Doherty '03 and Whitney Hayes '03 both fired on net for the blue, with deadly accuracy in the first period.

PA's strong offense did not leave too much need for a defensive effort. When the ball did reach their defensive end, however, the boys were ready. MC's quick shots in the first few minutes of the game awoke an aggressive passion in the defense. Playing consistently tight defense, the boys only gave up three goals in the final three quarters. Their play gave testament to Andover's strong all-around field play. The boys walked off field with a final score of 10-7.

Riding high off their win over Malden Catholic, the boys matched up with the Tabor Seawolves, and escaped with another win, 14-10. In the first quarter, possession of the ball fluctuated back and forth between the two teams. Tabor upped the pressure, checking PA and aiming to cause as many turnovers as they could. Andover netted their first goal of the game on a heads up interception by Matt Ward '06, who then dashed his way up field. Ward tossed the ball to Hayes, who in turn found an open Bardo for the goal. Despite several other shots on net by Bardo, Doherty, and Hobie Boeschenstein '04, the first quarter ended with the low score, but more importantly, an even score, at 3-3.

PA attacked Seawolves in the second quarter, strengthening the defensive effort and fighting for groundballs. Malo made several great saves, and defensive standouts Cotton Harold '04, Pat Shannon '05, and Nate Kellogg '05 all chipped in on D. When the halftime whistle blew, PA held comfortably to their 5-3 lead.

Despite the lead, the boys knew they had to fix a few things in their game-plan. Every time the ball Hayes got the ball, Tabor's defense swarmed him, preventing a clean shot. Tom Hawkins '06, meanwhile, had managed to take multiple shots on net, as did Doherty, Boeschenstein and Spencer Bush-Brown. After nearly nine goal-less minutes during the third quarter, PA's first goal came from Bush-Brown off an assist from Bardo with 3:30 to go. With less than two minutes to play, attack player extraordinaire Tom Barron '04 threw a solid bounce shot into the net, bringing the score to 7 - 6 due to three goals scored by Tabor. Up until the end of the second half, the game was relatively low-scoring. In the fourth quarter, PA's offense sparked. The defense held their own and only let in three more goals. Using his size to carry the ball down the field, Doherty successfully transitioned the ball from defense to offense as well as scoring two of PA's seven goals in the fourth quarter. Hayes also scored two goals (one off an assist from Hawkins), and Bush-Brown scored three goals (two of which were off passes from Bardo).

As the season comes to a close, PA's standing record is 8 - 0 - 3, and with their game against Exeter tomorrow, the rightful Phillips Academy will be looking to avenge last year's loss of 10 - 15 and end their season on the high note of a win.

Jesse Bardo '03

Boys Lacrosse

by Kristina Chang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS EDITOR

No one could have guessed that such great achievements would come from the Andover Lacrosse ball boy. But they did. Captain Jesse Bardo '03 has come a long way since the beginning of his Big Blue lacrosse career as the team's ball boy. Of his many years observing the PA team, Bardo commented, "I was the ball-boy for three or four years before I even got here. It was my dream to be on the field my entire life. I have always wanted to play Andover Lacrosse and lead the team to a winning season. That is exactly what the team has done this spring. I could not be happier."

Bardo's commitment to Andover Lacrosse has been stellar since his middle school ball boy days. Once he arrived at Andover, he jumped right into the lacrosse program, starring on the Junior Varsity squad. In his Lower year, he joined the Varsity squad where he learned under the guidance of star attack-men Isaac Taylor '01 and Luke LeSaffre '01. After the graduation of Taylor and LeSaffre, Bardo assume the role as an offensive leader. In his upper year, he tallied 20 goals in 14 games to power the Big Blue to a lackluster 4-10 regular season record.

This spring, Captain Bardo has led the team to one of its best seasons in recent Andover history. The team recorded a stellar regular season record of 8-3, a huge turnaround from the spring 2002 season record. This spring, Bardo scored the second highest number of goals for the team, tallying 27 goals and notching 23 assists in the team's 11 contests in New England.

Captain Bardo is truly an Andover-made athlete. He exemplifies the ability of the Andover Lacrosse program to develop star athletes. In his three years on the Varsity Lacrosse team, he has made great strides as an attack-man. When evaluating Bardo's abilities as a player, Coach John Dugan '92 stated, "In the beginning of his career, [Bardo] was a good off-ball player and was able to cut to get open, and while he still does that really well, he has really developed into a good passer. Jesse has learned how to assist and is not longer just a one-dimensional player."

Not only has Bardo developed as a player on the field but he has also shined also as a team leader off the field. Of Bardo's tenure as the 2003 team captain, teammate and fellow attack-man Hobie Boeschenstein '04 commented, "Jesse is a stellar captain who has really helped to unify the team this season. He leads by example, as he is a solid player with a great attitude and work ethic that is unmatched by any other on the team. What stands out most about Jesse, however, is his passion for the game. It's simply contagious."

Bardo spreads his passion for the game by helping his teammates. A team player, he has truly enjoyed giving back to the Andover Lacrosse program, reflecting, "I have been learning for three years and I have just been trying to the same this season. I have really enjoyed taking underclassmen under my wing and teaching them the game. That's what's going to make this program a success."

An ever-humble athlete, Bardo attributes his success to his Andover teammates and coaches, saying, "The senior leadership on her team has really made our season. Eight of the nine seniors on our team are four-year seniors. Their push to win is really what drives the younger guys. They have wanted this for four years. Coach Dugan, along with Coach Ethan Liebermann ['00] and Coach Mo, has really helped to encourage and enhance the skills of our players."

The respect is mutual, as three-year Varsity teammate Cotton Harrold '04 had nothing but praise for Captain Bardo. "Jesse's unrelenting and extraordinary competitive nature never fails to carry the team's spirit in times of great distress," asserted Harrold.

Harrold was not the only man to point out how reliable Captain Bardo is. Coach Dugan said, "Jesse gets all the tough ground balls. He has a special knack for coming up with these balls, and we can count on him in games to get them for us." Boeschenstein added, "In games I can always count on him to make good decisions on the field."

Bardo will continue his lacrosse career next year at Wesleyan University. Looking back on his more than successful three-year career playing for the Big Blue Lacrosse team, Captain Bardo had this to say, "I can't thank Andover Lacrosse enough for helping to shape me in my Andover career. My time on the field has shown me how hard I can push myself, both physically and mentally."

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Craig Ferraro '03 looks for an open teammate to dish the ball to deep in Loomis territory.

Loomis-Chafee Knocks Off Andover Boys Lax Squad

by Sarah Takvorian
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Loomis	**11**
Andover	**7**

Adding yet another unfortunate loss to their now 4-3 record, PA's boys Varsity lacrosse gave up a valuable game against Loomis last Saturday. Reducing the 15-8 loss gap that was last season's score against Loomis, this year, PA managed to come out of the game with down only four.

BOYS LACROSSE

After winning the opening face off, everything seemed great. As Coach John Dugan recalled, "It looked like we would control the game." After just a few passes, however, PA threw the ball away, and Loomis executed, bringing the ball downfield and scoring a goal. Showing that history does sometimes repeat itself, the same thing happened again: PA won the next face off, made a few passes, and the ball was once again stolen by Loomis, who subsequently brought the play downfield and scored another goal.

After yet another goal by Loomis, bringing their lead to three, PA began to see a glimmer of hope when Spencer Bush-Brown '03 scored the Big Blue's first goal of the game off of a play set up by Whitney Hayes '03. After this first goal, Loomis managed to get behind our midfield and had a fast break transition that resulted in another goal.

With the score 4-1, PA realized that they had to shape up and play tighter defense to prevent more shots on net.

The Boys in Blue managed to do so and soon the score was seesawing back and forth – PA scored a goal, Loomis scored a goal, until finally the halftime buzzer sounded with Loomis up by one goal at 5-4.

Hayes, John Doherty '03, and Tom Barron '04 netted the comeback goals. All showed forceful play and tried their best to use their quick-stick, aggressive talents against Loomis' defense.

Despite being behind, Coach Dugan "was proud of the team at halftime because they had fought back and almost drew even at the end of the second quarter."

After a motivational halftime, the Andover Boys had an opportunity to come back and tie up the close game, making it much easier to pull into the lead. The Loomis Pelicans scored however, pulling ahead by two goals.

PA's additional three goals came from Barron off an assist from Hayes, frosh-extraordinaire Tom Hawkins '06 off an assist from Captain Jesse Bardo '03, and Bardo off another assist from Hayes.

After the goals, Loomis pulled ahead once more, and as Dugan explains, PA "began to fall back into old habits," despite a strong effort from PA's defensive lineup, including Nate Malo '03 in goal, Cotton Harold '04, and Pat Shannon '05.

The Andover Boys are not dwelling on the past, however, and plan to dominate in their home game against K.U.A tomorrow.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Midfielder Tom Barron '04 drives past a Bridgeton defender towards the goal in Wednesday's win.

Boys Lacrosse Bruises By Bridgeton in Home Opener

by Sarah Takvorian
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	9
Bridgeton	8

The Boys Varsity lacrosse team snatched an impressive win over the always-tough Bridgton Academy all post-graduate squad, taking a 9-8 victory. It was the perfect way to open up their 2003 spring season. After last year's horrific 5-13 loss to Bridgton, PA had the fire of revenge in their bellies and unleashed it, playing an excellent game. As three-year team member Tom Barron '04 commented, "It was a huge team effort; we had great senior leadership... but we also saw some of the younger kids making a huge impact. The game was a great starting point for us to build off of."

BOYS LACROSSE

Coach John Dugan '92 said that the team was feeling "pretty psyched out and scared" coming into the game, but they certainly did not show it. PA's first goal was scored by Captain Jesse Bardo '03 on an attack off of an assist by PG Whitney Hayes '03. Newcomer standout Tom Hawkins '06, also on an assist from Hayes, scored PA's second goal, and then Bardo scored yet another goal off of an assist by John Doherty '03, to bring PA's first half goal count to three. Despite a solid showing by PA, Bridgton still managed to score five goals due to unmarked players and slight defensive breakdowns.

As Coach Dugan says, however, "I was proud even after the first half because the team didn't quit." And yet at the end of the first half, it appeared as though the game might have been heading towards last year's ending.

The third quarter saw a revitalized Blue. Although Bridgton's offense held possession for long periods of time, taking up the majority of the quarter, PA's tight defense stalled the other team's offense. Patrick Shannon '05, Drew Ward '03, and Alden Andre '03 were all strong on defense.

Continued on Page B3, Column 1

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Freshman sensation Thomas Hawkins '06 slashes around the net, looking for an open shot on the Bridgeton goalie.

Captain Bardo '03 Pushes Boys Lacrosse To Victory

Continued from Page B1, Column 3

Nate Malo '03, the Blue's starting goalie, had several spectacular saves. Unfortunately, Bridgton's offense seemed relatively difficult to defend, and yet PA was still able to limit Bridgton to two goals during the third quarter, both of which were scored by unmarked players.

The attack players also gained possession of the ball a few times. After midfielder Doherty brought the ball up the length of the field, the team had several shots on net. Doherty himself had five during the third quarter, all of which went wide. Despite several close, missed scoring opportunities, Barron still added amazing depth to the team with his quick stick skills, as well as Bardo, who was able to slow the game down and made numerous accurate passes to players cutting across the net. Matt Ward '06 also proved to be a vital contributor to the team despite his age. Numerous times, Ward '06 managed to change the field of play and get the ball back from Bridgton. Fellow junior Hawkins also continued to play well. Great passes on offense came from Hobie Boeschenstein '04, who scored with one minute left in the quarter to bring the score up to 4- 7.

When the PA team came back out for the fourth quarter, the boys had gone from the Blue to the Big Blue. A seemingly different team, Hayes scored the first goal on a bounce shot after using a penalty to PA's advantage, and Boeschenstein scored the second goal after a centering pass allowed him to pop the ball in the net, bringing the score to 6 – 7.

Also helping PA was that after each goal, the team won most face-offs, allowing the team to keep up its winning momentum. Bardo tied the game up with nine minutes left after a turnover behind the net that gave the ball to PA, and Hayes, using great ball shielding, brought the team one goal up by shooting the ball past the goalie from twenty yards out off of a crisp pass from Doherty.

After losing their lead, Bridgton fought back and shifted fields with the ball. PA's opponents bounded down field and once again tied the game up at 8 – 8. With seven minutes left in the last quarter, PA's offensive flourish caused Bridgton to call a nervous time out. And afterwards, Hayes scored the final shot of the game, closing the score at 9 – 8.

Much of PA's win can be attributed to the team's taking advantage of man-up opportunities, an unselfish offense that passed and executed when the perfect opportunity arose, and to a defense that was able to adjust their playing in order to prevent Bridgton goals.

As Bardo commented, "We put in 180%. The coaches reminded us that we were on Academy Hill and that we should work together and go out there and play as the best team not as the best individual players. Everyone contributed – players on the bench, players from different grades, and it showed." Coach Dugan elaborated, saying, "The first step was playing a ball game with an all PG team. The second step was stepping up play and winning."

Barron concluded, "We gained a lot in that game: experience against a very strong opponent, confidence in tight situations, and we can actually overcome a three goal deficit. This game showed many differences between this Andover team and others in recent history. In my three years on the team, Bridgton was the sort of game where we would get blown out, and we would just tell ourselves we played hard and that that was good enough. Now, nothing is taken for granted before entering a game." PA proved that it has what it takes to win against one of the strongest teams in New England.

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Tom Barron '04 cuts through the Hyde defense towards the net, aiding the Blue in its 14-3 drubbing.

Boys Lacrosse Beats PEA And Takes Eastern NE Title

by Sarah Takvorian
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

While the rest of the student body spent their spring breaks tanning in the Caribbean or skiing out West, Boys Varsity Lacrosse, the eventual Eastern New England Champions, was already working up a sweat. Coach John Dugan '92 brought roughly 30 students down to Maryland over March vacation. It was there that the potential teammates started to come together as a team. The trip, which takes place every spring, gives the boys vital outdoor playing time when the Andover fields are still covered with snow. With a solid squad, boasting 10 Seniors, five Uppers, six Lowers, and even three Juniors, the team displayed good balance and a variety of talent and playing styles.

Led by Captain Jesse Bardo '03, the team had many players with impressive profiles. With Bardo, who will be playing lacrosse at Wesleyan next year, and PG Whitney Hayes '03, the attack was on fire throughout the whole season. Additionally, players Spencer Bush-Brown '03, John Doherty '03, Tom Barron '04, Hobie Boeschenstein '04, and Tom Hawkins '06 put point after point on the Phelps scoreboard.

Midfielders and defenders Cotton Harrold '04, Pat Shannon '05 and Harry Goldstein '05 all effectively intercepted opponents' passes, blocked shots, and continuously got the ball to the attack without fail. Goalie Nate Malo '03, although never having played goalie before last year, played a central role as the backbone of the team's defense. And despite injuries, Beau Freker '05 and Steve Kim '06 were valuable players, and great things can be expected from them in future seasons.

The team began their season on a positive note, winning the opening scrimmage against the Pingree School 17–8. PA faced Bridgton Academy in the first game of the season, and the team rallied to beat the all-PG school. Barron commented, "It was a huge team effort; we had great senior leadership, but we also saw some of the younger kids making a huge impact. The game was a good starting point for us to build off of."

Taking an awe-inspiring 9–8 win, the boys knew that they were about to embark on an amazing season. Their winning streak continued until losing to Deerfield, Pinkerton, and Loomis in three away games. But once the boys were back on home turf again, they picked themselves up and beat KUA 20–9. Continuing their spectacular surge on attack, the boys went on to beat Moses Brown 18–8, Malden Catholic 10-7, and Tabor 14-10. Heading to New Hampshire to take on Exeter for their final game of the season, the boys pulled out an astonishing 8-7 victory over the Big Red and secured the Eastern New England Championship.

With a final record of 10–3, the team showed perseverance as well as physical aggression on the field. Next season is sure to be some form a rebuilding year as the team graduates 10 of its top players this June. However, with the strong underclass presence within the program, it looks as if next season could still boast a winning record as well.

SPORT:__Girls Lacrosse_____

YEAR:__2002-2003___

CAPTAIN: Barbra Badman

MANAGER:

COACH: Kate Dolan

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Martha Fenton '82

SEASON RECORD

WON_ 10___LOST___2____TIED_____

Letter Winners

Badman, Barbara
Belichick, Amanda
Birecki, Jessica
Cloyd, Gertrude
Coffin, Margaret
Demers, Elizabeth
Demers, Sarah
Dix, Katherine
Hanley, Mary
Kelly, Whitney
LeSaffre, Jeanne
Liebermann, Nyssa
Littlefield, Caitlin
McCall, Kinnon
Minahan, Kathleen
Regner, Katherine
Riordan, Anne
Stecker, Kelly
Sticklor, Laurel
Tetrault, Cortney
Vardaro, Danielle
Wadland, Julie
Washburn, Skylar

Lacrosse

			PA	OPP
Wed. 4/2/2003	(H)	MILTON	canceled	
Sat. 4/5/2003	(H)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	canceled	
Wed. 4/9/2003	(H)	DEERFIELD	canceled	
L Sat. 4/12/2003	(H)	K.U.A.	canceled	
Wed. 4/16/20039	(A)	ST. PAUL'S	8	11
Sat. 4/19/2003	(H)	GROTON	14	5
Wed. 4/23/2003	(H)	PINKERTON	9	6
Sat. 4/26/2003	(A)	TAFT	10	7
Wed. 4/30/2003	(A)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	19	9
Sat. 5/3/2003	(A)	TABOR	13	4
Wed. 5/7/2003	(A)	MILTON	13	8
Sat. 5/10/2003	(H)	LOOMIS	7	15
Wed. 5/14/2003	(H)	NASHUA HS	16	10
Sat. 5/17/2003	(A)	TOURNAMENT		
		Lexington Christian Academy	9	5
		Concord	10	0
		Berwick Academy	13	1
		Winsor School	8	1
Wed. 5/21/2003	(H)	BROOKS	15	8
Fri. 5/23/2003	(A)	EXETER	13	4

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE 2003

No.	Name	Hometown	Pos	Yr
1	LeSaffre, Jeanne	North Andover, MA	A	03
2	McCall, Kinnon	Cambridge, MA	M	04
3	Dix, Katherine	Andover, MA	A	05
4	Badman,Barbara *	Greenwich, CT	A	03
5	Coffin, Meg	Westford, MA	D	03
6	Lieberman, Nyssa	Magnolia, MA	D	03
7	Washburn, Sklyar	Andover, MA	D	05
8	Cloyd, Trudi	Houston, TX	D	03
9	Birecki, Jessica	Andover, MA	A	04
10	Tetrault, Cortney	Hatfield, MA	A	03
11	Riordan, Anne	Prides Crossing, MA	M	03
12	Stecker, Kelly	Beverly Farms, MA	M	05
14	Demers, Elizabeth	Andover, MA	M	05
16	Kelly, Whitney	Andover, MA	D	04
18	Belichick, Amanda	Weston, MA	A	03
22	Vardaro, Danielle	North Reading, MA	A	03
24	Hanley, Mimi	Seattle, WA	A	04
25	Regner, Katie	Andover, MA	D	03
26	Littlefield, Caitlin	Andover, MA	D	03
27	Demers, Sarah	Andover, MA	M	03
28	Sticklor, Laurel	Boxford, MA	M	05
30	Wadland, Julie	Andover, MA	G	06
33	Minahan, Kathleen	Andover, MA	G	03

* Captain
Coaches: Kate Dolan, Martha Fenton

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Mngr: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller

5/23/2003

Blue Lax Dominates Red Under The Lights

In the season finale for the Andover girls varsity lacrosse team, PA defeated traditional rival Exeter 13-4. Andover finished the 2003 season with a 13-2 record, and having scored 175 goals this spring. While stellar on the field, the girls have also worked hard off the field to collect pledges and donations for their season goal-a-thon in order to raise money for the Aikens' Children Trust Fund, which will go to aid the children of Diane Geppi-Aikens, the Loyola Women's Lacrosse coach who is battling brain cancer.

In tonight's contest, played in a steady and cold mist, Andover opened the game with a goal in the first minute of play and then scored the next four to open a 5-0 lead midway through the first half. Andover controlled the ball for the majority of the half and the defense held Exeter to two first half shots. At the half, the Big Blue held a 6-1 advantage. In the second half, Exeter got on the board first but then Andover answered with two goals. Kathleen Minahan did a nice job in goal for Andover as she had 5 saves in the game and she stopped a point blank scoring opportunity by Exeter. PA senior captain Barbara Badman finished an outstanding year for the Blue with 64 goals in 15 games, eclipsing the previous record of 55 goals in a season. Scoring for Andoverin this game against Exeter: Barbara Badman 6 goals and 1 assist; Amanda Belichick 3 goals; Cortney Tetrault 1 goal and 1 assist; Kinnon McCall 1 goal and 1 assist; Danielle Vardaro 1 goal and 1 assist; Kat Dix one goal, and adding assists were Jeanne LeSaffre, Sarah Demers and Anne Riordan.

Thirteen seniors wore the Andover blue for the last time and hats off to all of them for their incredible enthusiasm, spirit, talent and leadership: Captain Barbara Badman, Amanda Belichick, Meg Coffin, Trudi Cloyd, Sarah Demers, Jeanne LeSaffre, Nyssa Liebermann, Caitlin Littlefield, Kathleen Minahan, Katie Regner, Anne Riordan, Cortney Tetrault and Danielle Vardaro. Thanks also to all the parents and fans who supported the team this spring, and thank you to everyone who has contributed to our efforts to raise money for the Aikens' Children Trust Fund. The 2003 Andover girls' lacrosse season was something truly special!!! Thanks to all!

Andover Girls Lacrosse Pummels Pinkerton Academy and Groton

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	14
Groton	5
Andover	9
Pinkerton	6

The Andover Girls Varsity Lacrosse team knows how to turn its level of play up a notch and make a comeback. Last week the Lady Blue secured two strong wins against Groton and Pinkerton. After battling with late-game ties and deficits, the squad came back to beat Groton 14-5 and Pinkerton 9-6.

Last Saturday's game against Groton was a chance for PA to see some of its challenging competition. As Coach Kate Dolan summed up, "Andover came out sluggish while Groton came out aggressive." It was a good opportunity for Coach Dolan to rotate in her starting line as the girls played their first home game of the season.

In the beginning of the game, with the score tied at 2-2, it was clear that the girls needed to pick up their energy. At the end of the second half the girls went to work and scored four consecutive goals to bring the halftime score to 6-2.

In the second half, the girls showed off their true might. With a notably good offense and a equally solid midline to support them, the girls were able to score eight more goals in the second half while only giving up three.

The leading scorers for the game were Captain Barbara Badman '03 and Kelly Stecker '05, scoring five and three goals, respectively. Anne Riordan '03 helped out the Lady Blue scoring two and assisting one. Cortney Tetrault '03, Danielle Vardaro '03, Kinnon McCall '04 and Whitney Kelly '04 all scored one goal each. Both Julie Wadland '06 and Kathleen Minahan '03 played strong in goal and kept Groton from making any comeback of their own.

Maintaining power between the offense and the goal was the midfield, playing particularly well against Groton. Supporting the offense in their delayed attack against Groton's goal were Sarah Demers '03, Jeanne LeSaffre '03, Nyssa Liebermann '03, Meg Coffin '03, Laurel Sticklor '05, Kat Dix '05, and Lizzie Demers '05.

The players were aware of their successes as a team. Riordan summed it up, saying, "Everything we practiced seemed to come together, and the team just really meshed. It was a really successful win."

The girls continued their success in their game against the

Continued on Page 11, Column 1

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Captain Barbara Badman '03 glides past Groton defenders to lead the Big Blue to victory.

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Captain Barbara Badman '03 flips a shot over the outstreched sticks of the defense.

Lacrosse Sends Pinkerton Astros to the Moon in Win

Continued from Page 12, Column 6

Pinkerton Astros last Wednesday.

The win, which brings the team's season record to a perfect 3-0, was just what the girls needed to start off their season with a bang.

A full ten minutes passed before Andover could get the ball past the Astro goalie and by the end of the half Pinkerton established a 4-3 lead. With the girls trailing by just one goal, they knew what they had to do.

Despite an early Pinkerton goal, making the score 5-3, the girls worked hard to tie the game up at 5-5. In the last 12 minutes, Andover outscored its opponent 4-1, earning PA a 9-6 victory.

Badman scored a whopping seven goals for the team while Stecker put the munchkin in the mesh twice.

Demers '03 contributed to the comeback with a helpful assist. Julie Wadland continued to show talent and potential as she made seven saves for the Lady Blue.

Badman, while pleased with the winning streak, is aware of the needed improvement. "The game today was definitely an eye opener," she said. "Although we won, it showed us a lot of things that we need to work on. We can settle a lot faster on the offense. In terms of attack, we need to look for the open player because they're constantly double teaming us. Our defense has been really solid; that's what's been winning our games. Also, our goalie is doing really well in her first season. Granted were winning, but we still have a lot of things to work on."

Stecker agreed with Badman, "It was good to get out there and get some playing time as a team. Let's just say this game wasn't one of our bests, but now can get back on the field and work hard on improving our play."

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Kelly Stecker '05 and Kinnon McCall '04 slice and dice through the Loomis Chafee defense like knives through butter. Despite the girls effort, the Pelicans won the game, 15-7.

PA Girls Lacrosse Ends Winning Streak in Loss to Loomis Chaffee

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Loomis	**15**
Andover	**7**
Andover	**16**
Nashua	**10**

The winning could not go on forever. The Andover Girls Varsity Lacrosse team snapped its unbeaten streak in last Saturday's defeat to the Loomis Pelicans. Not only did the Lady Blue fall, but they fell hard, with the final score standing at 15-7. Bouncing back from its heartbreaking loss, the Girls in Blue resoundingly defeated Nashua High School, 16-10. After PA's two contests last week, the season record now stands at 8-1. The team is optimistic going into tomorrow's tournament.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Last Saturday was just not the Lady Blue's day. Knowing the Loomis Chaffee would field a strong squad, the Girls in Blue did their best to prepare for to play their best. Unfortunately, their nerves got the best of them, and the girls were unable to work together to put forth a strong team performance.

The Lady Blue trailed from the start, after the Pelicans delivered two quick goals. Not only did the defense struggle in stopping Loomis attacks, but the offense also had trouble creating scoring opportunities. The Andover team trailed 8-4 by the end of the half.

Despite an inspirational halftime talk from Coaches Fenton and Dolan and Captain Barbara Badman '03, the girls struggled to keep up in the second half. With an especially hard time with the draws and ground balls, most of the game was spent in front of Andover's goal.

Badman led the girls in scoring, as she added five goals to Andover's trailing score. Upper star Mimi Hanley '04 also tallied a goal, while senior leader Cortney Tetrault '03 notched a goal and two assists. Danielle Vardaro '03 helped out the team with 3 assists.

While the players seemed disappointed with their loss, they were aware that there was much that could have been improved upon. Kelly Stecker '05 said, "We really just didn't come together as a team, and Loomis Chaffee was right there to capitalize on our weaknesses."

The Girls made up for their poor showing on Saturday with an excellent showing against Nashua High School. The Lady Blue had nine different people scoring goals and five people tallying assists, making what Coach Dolan deemed a "very balanced offense."

The girls came onto the field ready to avenge their previous loss, and that is just what they did. They focused on improving what they had had trouble with in their previous game, with Coach Dolan noting that their draw controls were their biggest improvement.

In the second half, the girls continued with their success, with their lead allowing for everyone to get in some good playing time before tomorrow's tournament. The fact that nine people scored simply illustrates the improved teamwork and communication.

The lead scorers for this game were Captain Badman, who contributed with four goals and one assist. Kinnon McCall '04, Vardaro, Anne Riordan '03, and Hanley racked in two goals each, with McCall and Vardaro bringing one and two assists, respectively. Tetrault, Amanda Belichick '03 Laurel Sticklor '05 and Jessie Birecki '04 each scored once, with Tetrault making three assists.

Tetrault summed up Wednesday's win, saying, "I think that today was a good game in that it was a good way for us to rebound from the loss. It was good because lots of people scored and assisted and our defense stepped it up. We played like a team and had a little more spark, and that was really a good thing."

Even though this week held their first loss, the girls still have an amazing record and look to do well in the EIL Invitational Tournament this weekend.

Barbara Badman '03

Girls Lacrosse

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Simply put, Captain Barbara Badman '03 is a scoring machine. The 2003 season marked Badman's second year as the Lady Blue Lacrosse team's leading scorer. During her tenure on Varsity Lacrosse, Badman has been the supporting pillar of the offensive line. This season alone Badman racked up 57 goals and 9 assists, bringing her PA career total to 108 goals. Badman ranks 3rd in the PA record books for career goals.

Badman has been an instrumental leader in one of the Lady Blue's best seasons ever. Last weekend, the Girls in Blue took home the 2003 Eastern Independent League Invitational Lacrosse Tournament Championship trophy. The Championship title capped off a spectacular 13-1 regular season run.

Badman, a modest leader, attributes much of the season's success on the strong core of seniors, "We're a really senior based team, so we have a lot of athletic experience. The athleticism that we have is what allows our team to be successful."

She credits her love for the game of lacrosse to her father, who himself is no stranger to the sport. An All-American at Yale, he introduced her to lacrosse at an early age, "My dad was the one who influenced me the most," Badman explains. "Whenever I was discouraged, he kept me going. There's not doubt about it, it's hard living up to the reputations he's made for himself, but the girls and boys lacrosse is very different. He was the one who put the little fiddle stick in my hand when I was five years old, and he's been helping me ever since."

Badman's lacrosse career at PA is nearly unmatched. Coming onto the team as a new lower, Badman jumped right in and finished out the season scoring 20 goals for the Lady Blue. Playing alongside uppers and seniors, Badman was the only lower to make the top five point holders. As an upper, Badman was the lead scorer with 17 goals and three assists.

This year, Badman has had the opportunity to lead the team both on and off the field as this season's captain. Badman's excellent leadership has not gone unnoticed, as teammate Nyssa Lieberman '03 said, "Barbara leads a lot by example, especially on the field. She really knows her position, and she plays it really well. She's the lead scorer, and she has a great eye for the net; she almost always gets the ball in. She's also a great captain in that she keeps practices really fun. For example, on Mondays and Thursdays we dress up, a week ago we dressed up in tennis skirts. It's her way of making practice interesting while still keeping us focused."

At most every game, Badman has been the team's offensive star. In last Saturday's tournament Badman scored 13 goals. More than just numbers, Badman is the leader of the offense as she works to get the entire line energized, focused, and ready to go.

Coach Kate Dolan had nothing but praise for Badman, saying, "Barbara is instant offense. She is just a pure scorer. Also, as a captain, she has encouraged and inspired her teammates over the course of the season."

Meg Coffin '03 summed up Badman's tenure as captain, saying, "This season, it was a big test of her leadership of her leadership on and off the field. She led the team with great effort, spirit, grace, and intensity. She's been such an attribute to the lacrosse program over the past three years, especially this year, and it's been great playing with her."

Badman has also pursued a lacrosse career outside of PA, earning numerous accolades. For the past three years, Badman has played for Team Connecticut. In addition to playing club, Badman played on the Futures Team two years ago, the Lower New England team last year, and she just made the New England All-Star team a few weeks ago.

Next year, Badman is planning to attend John Hopkins University. JHU boasts a strong Division One team, and while Badman hopes to play for their Varsity squad, she realistically states, "I want to major in Biology, and that's a major time commitment, so I hope that the lacrosse team works out. Otherwise, I'll play on a club team. I love the sport too much to not play at all."

Girls Lacrosse Claims EIL Title, Defeating Winsor School's Red

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The entire season, every practice and every game, leads up to the post-season tournament, a day where the winners take it all. Last Saturday, PA's Girls Varsity Lacrosse team stepped up to take it all, earning the coveted title of Eastern Independent League Invitational Lacrosse Champions. The Girls in Blue were unable to follow up their superb tournament performance to drop their final home game of the season to Brooks, 15-8.

The Lady Blue won all four of its contests last Saturday to win the title of EIL Champions. Coach Dolan was pleased with the team's performance last weekend, saying, "It was a great day of lacrosse for the girls in Blue," she said, "as each member of the 23 player squad played a significant role in the team's success. There were was some outstanding passing by the Big Blue as the team did an excellent job maintaining possession of the ball from the defensive breakouts to the midfield transition to the setup offense."

The morning went well for the Andover team, who played up to its potential and was right on top of its play. Its first game, played against Lexington Christian Academy, resulted in a 10-6 victory. In its second contest of the day, the Girls in Blue resoundingly defeated Concord Academy in a 10-0 shutout.

Offensive standout Kelly Stecker '05 explained how the team was able to come together in its last three contests of the day, saying, "During the first game in the tournament you could tell that we really weren't playing our best game. But once we got past that, and played like a team, we were unstoppable."

In the semi-finals, PA soundly defeated Berwick Academy 14-2. In the finals, Winsor proved no match for PA, as the girls went right to attack, finishing the game with a winning score of 8-1.

Kat Dix '05 felt that the team improved as the day wore on, "By the 3rd and 4th games we were playing at our best. The offense was settling the ball and making good passes, while the defense was blocking and breaking out of the zone very well. We were excited to win the tournament at the end of the long day!"

These four games allowed for a myriad of individual accomplishments. With thirteen different players tallying points, it was definitely a day of teamwork. Captain Barbara Badman '03 led the girls with 13 goals for the day, scoring five against LCA, two against Concord, three against Berwick, and three against Winsor. Sarah Demers '03 and Cortney Tetrault '03 each brought in 4 goals over the day. Mimi Hanley '04, Amanda Belichick '03, and Danielle Vardaro '03 each brought in three, with Vardaro helping out with an assist as well. Laurel Sticklor '05 and Stecker brought in two goals and one assist each, and Kinnon McCall '04, Anne Riordan '03, Dix, and Jeanne LeSaffre '03 each brought in two goals last Saturday. Jessie Birecki '04, always a selfless team member tallied four assists. In goal, Kathleen Minahan '03 and Julie Wadland '06 made 11 and 8 saves in goal, respectively.

Everyone agreed the day was a success. Vardaro explained, "It was great to win the EIL tournament. For us, even though we didn't play the top teams in our bracket, the tournament offered just another opportunity to showcase our true talent and potential as a team. One thing that was really evident in the tournament is the fact that every person on the team contributed, and that alone has been one of the main reasons why we've been so successful this season."

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Whitney Kelly '04 prepares to lace a pass across the field in Andover's title game win over LCA.

Undefeated Lady Blue Lacrosse Trumps Tabor in Massive Upset

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**13**
Tabor	**4**
Andover	**13**
Milton	**8**

Tabor might have come away with a win in last year's postseason, but Andover got the last laugh. Playing the Tabor Seawolves last Saturday, one of Andover's major sports rivals, the Andover Girls Lacrosse team dominated, defeating Tabor 13-4 on its home field. Captain Barbara Badman '03 summed up the win, "Many of us have been waiting since last year to seek revenge on Tabor and Saturday's game gave us that opportunity."

After defeating Tabor, the girls went on to play Milton last Wednesday, coming home with a 13-8 win and a still undefeated 7-0 record. As the season continues and the girls having won seven out of their eleven in-season games this year, the Girls Varsity Lacrosse team is looking like one of the hottest teams around campus.

The game against Tabor was just a small sample of Lady Blue talent. In the first half, the girls jumped onto the field ready to play. In the first fifteen minutes, they racked up five goals while refusing to let Tabor score even one. Tabor, not willing to let Andover completely humiliate them, worked hard to cut into Andover's lead; PA led 6-3 at the end of the first half.

In the second half, the girls came back onto the field to prevent a Seawolf comeback and to secure the win. Tabor just could not keep up, and they allowed Andover to capitalize and bring in seven goals during the half. Protected by such a strong defense, only one Tabor shot managed to make it into the goal. When the final whistle blew, the score was 13-4 to Andover, and the Lady Blue could return home, a job well done.

Coffin, someone very involved in the Andover-Tabor rivalry, explained, "It was a great feeling to beat Tabor on their home field. We were fired up and had the momentum the whole game. Everyone came to play."

While the girls in Blue played an aggressive and energetic first half, both coach Dolan and players noticed an obvious improvement as the game progressed, with Dolan saying they improved by "controlling the midfield, [and] settling the offense," adding that, "the team also played excellent all-around defense in the second half." Badman agreed, "In the second half we were able to wear down Tabor's defense by making smart passes and moving the ball quickly around the perimeter. Our patience and speed, in the end, is what won us the game."

With thirteen goals, six people helped and with scoring and assisting. The lead scorers were captain Badman and Anne Riordan '03, as each star added four goals apiece to their season totals. Danielle Vardaro '03 drilled home two goals in addition to two assists. Jeanne LeSaffre '03 and Kelly Stecker '05 each added goals of their own. In a bout of inspiring selfless play, Cortney Tetrault '03 helped the offense by getting three assists. Back in goal, Julie Wadland '06 prevented any form of a Tabor comeback by making nine saves.

Even a team as good as the girls have played this season can have minor faults, and Badman saw what the team needed to improve before their game last Wednesday against Milton. "Some of the fundamentals we had problems with at Tabor were ground ball pick-ups and keeping possession of the ball once it was in our sticks. We've spent the last two days of practice tying up these loose ends and hopefully in the game against Milton we will be able to execute what we have practiced."

Kat Dix '05 looked ahead to the Milton game after last Saturday's win. "This game today is very important, being the first game of the 2nd half of our season. The biggest thing for us is to keep composure while attacking. Fast breaks are always a plus also. The Tabor game was great and gave us more confidence to use some of our plays. Quick ground ball pick-ups were our only weakness from that game."

In their game against Milton, Andover struggled with the same problems they had had in their game against Tabor. Starting out energetic and focused in the beginning, they established an early 4-0 lead. However, as the first half continued, they allowed Milton to score a few goals, as the Tigers crept back into contention. With the score a close towards the end of the half, the two teams exchanged goals and headed into the break up a dangerous 6-4.

In the second half, the Lady Blue went right to work to ensure an Andover victory. On defense, Kinnon McCall '04, Katie Regner '03, and Skylar Washburn '05 kept the ball away from the goal and helped to prevent Milton from continuing their comeback. Wadland was back in goal to make sure Milton's score remained low as she continues to show talent and potential.

LADY BLUE LAX TAKES VICTORY IN FIRST GAME

ST. PAUL'S NO MATCH

Captain Badman '03 Leads Squad To Impressive Win

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**11**
St. Paul's	**8**

Last Wednesday marked the start of the Girls Varsity Lacrosse season, one that hopes to be very successful. Their game last Wednesday resulted in an 11-8 win over St. Paul's.

The game, while both coaches and players agree it was not up to their full potential, was chock full of skill for being an such an early season game. The defense was amazing, keeping the dangerous St. Paul's offense away from the goal early and often. The offense, while in need of some skill refinement, was able to get 11 shots into the St. Paul's goal.

The game started out quickly with two swift goals for the Lady Blue. Their lead was under fire as Saint Paul's quickly retaliated. Over the course of the half, the score remained close. With Andover leading 5-4 and just over 30 seconds left in the half, the game was still in either team's hands. The half finished perfectly for Andover with offense scoring two quick goals before the whistle blew, leaving the half time score a solid 7-4.

In the second half, the Lady Blue came back on the field to maintain their lead. In the half, both the returning letterwomen

Continued on Page 6, Column 1

PA Girls Lacrosse Outplays SPS in Anticipated Opener

Continued from Page B1, Column 4

and the new recruits received significant playing time, displaying the team's depth and potential for both this season and future ones. Coach Dolan used the lead to mix up the line up and allowed for the team-newcomers to play alongside returning starters as she began to shape up the different lines of players.

Meg Coffin '03 explained the team's initial game plan. "We went into the game without expectations, and while we have a lot to improve on, it was a great start. Even though the game was close, it was great to get in a win." With the season getting to such a late start, the girls went into the game not knowing how they would compare to other teams, but Wednesday's win adds to the great expectations for this year's team.

Offensively, the biggest contributors to the game were Captain Barbara Badman '03, Danielle Vardaro '03, and Cortney Tetrault '03. Badman scored four goals while Vardaro brought in three. Tetrault scored two while Anne Riordan '03 and Sarah Demers '03 scored the remaining two goals.

Coach Dolan summed up the game: "I think the offense, considering that it was our first time out, did well. Our offense, while it needs work, is easily fixable. Our defense was better than expected, and even more, Julie Wadland '06 did really well in goal. While it felt like more like a scrimmage than a real game, I was really satisfied with the level of play. Also, I was very pleased with the physical condition that I saw in the team."

Everyone was pleasantly surprised with the level of defense seen on the field. They played with cooperation and refined skills that one would not expect to see until later on in the season. Defensive standouts Nyssa Liebermann '03, Katie Regner '03, Kinnon McCall '04, Whitney Kelly '04, and Skylar Washburn '05 all played superbly to surprise fans, coaches, and other players with their ability to find a winning rhythm in their first game together. Wadland, in her first stint as a lacrosse goalie, stopped seven fierce Saint Paul's shots. This defensive five-some, backed-up by Wadland, looks to be promising over the remainder of the season.

Returning player Amanda Belichick '03 agreed with the coach, "It was a good game," she started, "We played really well on defense. Offense was a little bit rushed, but it looks really hopeful. Everything looks like it is going to come together. It wasn't a great game in that we didn't play amazingly, but our potential is definitely there, and it was also just good to get a win to start out the season"

Said Vardaro, "We had an okay first game. It was good because it gave us an idea of exactly what we need to work on to be the outstanding squad we want to be." Kelly added, "We were able to come up with a win and our first game has proved our strengths and weaknesses."

Freshman star goalie Wadland summed up the game, saying, "On the whole, the team played well. We were certainly happy to be finally playing a game." As Jessie Birecki '04 put it, "We definately saw bits and pieces of what could be a great season ahead of us. Obviously we have a lot of work to do, but I know this team is up to it."

The girls continue their season tomorrow at 1:15 as Groton visits Andover to challenge PA. Said Birecki, "From now on, every team we play is a good one. We know we'll be ready.

SARAH DEMERS '03

Soccer - Swimming - Lacrosse

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Sarah Demers '03? You may not have noticed her on the field or in the pool, but chances are you did not leave a game or a meet without feeling her presence. Demers is not a particularly physically imposing person, nor is she loud, cocky, or trash-talking. Nevertheless, Demers is an amazing athlete who has combined her natural talent, sense of team unity, and incredible determination to excel in soccer, swimming, and lacrosse throughout her career here at Phillips Academy. Her achievements this year on the field and in the pool have made her a more than deserving recipient of the 2003 *Bertucci's* Athlete of the Year accolade.

Demers coaches praise her for her unselfishness and the unmatched constancy and effort she puts into everything she does. Describing Demers perfectly, Girls' Soccer Coach Stephen Carr said, "Sarah's physical gifts of unbelievable strength and straight-ahead speed, combined with her aggressive nature and competitive drive, are balanced with an uncommon sweetness and politeness that make for a truly unique athlete."

A four-year Senior, Demers has thoroughly enjoyed her time playing for the Big Blue. Though Demers is proficient in both soccer and lacrosse, she is a swimmer at heart and will continue to swim in college at the Division One level for the Brown Bears. In a time when it is becoming increasingly more popular for athletes to specialize in one sport by the time they have reached high school in the hopes that it will help them get into a high demand college, Sarah is most grateful for the opportunity to have been involved in three very different sports throughout her career here.

Commenting on specialization, Demers said, "Most swimmers don't do other sports because they say swimmers are uncoordinated–but I just never wanted to quit soccer and lacrosse because I had been playing them for such a long time before coming to Andover. By coming to PA, I never had to quit and I am so thankful for my experiences in all of the sports here–I've really had some great times with my teams."

It is Demers' unique team spirit that has really made her stand out in PA athletics. Soccer teammate Julia Totosy de Zepetnek '03 described Demers as being "amazingly supportive of everyone on the team. She genuinely cares about each person and makes an effort to include them and make them feel comfortable. She definitely knows what she wants and goes after it, but she does it with such determination and persistence that she is just a wonderfully easy-going natural leader."

Being a member of a team has definitely fueled Demers' athletic passion over the years. Demers says that being on the soccer and lacrosse teams have been a wonderful experience because the nature of the games they offers a sense of team that the mostly individual sport of swimming does not have.

Demers said, "There is no greater feeling than seeing a group of people work the ball down the field and score, and to be able to go up and down the line and point out everyone who made that little goal happen."

As a two-year varsity soccer midfielder and lacrosse center, Demers has certainly gained a lot of experience in working with the team.

Coach Carr laughingly recalled several occasions in which getting a goal became so important to Demers that on several occasions she unleashed "the animal inside her" to unsuspecting opponents. Carr said, "I have this repeating image in my head of Demers running at full speed towards a 50/50 ball, lowering her shoulder, thrusting out her hip, and sending her poor opponent flying literally three feet in the air," he noted, "then she'd go over and apologize to the stunned girls she just ran over!" It is exactly this kind of hard-hitting, good-sport attitude that has made Demers such an asset to Big Blue sports and the PA community at large.

Lacrosse Coach Kate Dolan said of Sarah, "She's having an excellent Senior season for us, particularly in terms of draw controls. She is by far and away the best around at winning draw controls and the team that wins those usually wins the games, so she's been a huge part of our success."

Demers is also helping to ensure the future success of the lacrosse team. Dolan said, "She's wonderful with the younger kids on the team–she encourages them, helps them with their skill and supports them in games and practices. Sarah is truly one of a kind."

Demers' work ethic and kindness helped her to be elected as the captain this year of the NE Championship swim team. Commenting on her captainship, Demers said, "I was really appreciative of being voted captain by my girls, but at the same time, I wasn't going to change that much. I already felt that as a teammate you should always cheer for each other, be a positive and humble member of the team, and really put others before yourself. I feel like being captain just put a title on what I was already trying to do." In countless ways, Demers established herself as a leader in and out of the pool.

Of her leadership this season, Assistant Coach Ginger Fay commented, "Sarah's got a great sense of humor, and a great work ethic–she has an amazing willingness to do whatever it takes to inspire the team." On Demers' attitude towards training, teammate Alex Doty '05 said, "I had the honor of training in the same lane as Sarah everyday this winter, and there is no one that I would rather train with. Sarah is hardworking, motivating, and fun at the same time...a balance that is very difficult to find."

Demers had an unbelievable season in swimming as she led the team to a repeat victory at the New England Championships. Her 200 individual medley came into its own this year, and she emerged as a powerful force in all of the four strokes. She was a member of a record-breaking 200 freestyle relay and was voted by her teammates as the MVP of the 2003 championship team.

Next year, Demers will attend Brown University and plans to swim for the Brown Bears. Demers expressed her excitement for college, noting "Brown is a really fast team. I'm going to be struggling at the beginning because I've never trained that much or at the intensity before. But at the same time, the coaches were blown away that I had played two other varsity sports, so I think they have confidence in my potential."

Head Coach Paul Murphy summed up Demers' Andover athletic career, saying, "I will forever think of Demers when I think of the perfect captain. She is self-effacing, humble, tough, emphatic, and inspiring."

Athlete Facts

Varsity Letters: 8

Positions: Soccer - Midfield, Swimming - 100 breaststroke/200 IM, Lacrosse - Center

Athletic Accolades: Abbot Athletic Award, Washburn Award (Swimming), Phillip K. Allen Award

Favorite PA Sports Moment: Winning NE Interschols for swimming her Upper year

College: Brown University

College Sport: Swimming

DANIELLE VARDARO '03

Soccer - Basketball - Lacrosse

by Alison Murphy
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

In the intense sports scene at Andover, it takes a special athlete to master three distinct sports and lead them all to glory. With her teams boasting a 33-12-4 record in her Senior year, it is clear that Danielle Vardaro '03, a three-year member of the Girls Varsity Soccer, Basketball, and Lacrosse teams, is a very special athlete. She has been a huge factor in the success of Girls Varsity sports at Andover this year. A tri-varsity athlete for three years, Vardaro has gone above and beyond the call of duty for Andover athletics and for that she is more than deserving of the Bertucci's Athlete of the Year award. The Athletic Department also recognized Vardaro's athletic prowess, bestowing upon her the Press Club Award, given to the athlete who proves herself to be the most capable athlete of the year.

A true leader, Vardaro has been a presence on all three of the teams she has been on this year. Meg Coffin '03, who has played soccer, basketball, and lacrosse with Vardaro, explained the natural leadership she brought to the field and court. "I think the one thing I've noticed the most about Danielle throughout playing with her three seasons a year since Lower year is her maturity on the field. She has really grown into having leadership roles in every sport. With her attitude, her communication, and her ability to lead by example, she has been a great asset on every team."

Part of what makes Vardaro such a good athlete is her willingness to try and push herself and teammates in practice. Cortney Tetrault '03, who has played alongside Vardaro on the basketball court and on the lacrosse field, explained, "One thing about Danielle that makes her a good athlete is that she really enjoys playing the sports, and no matter what she brings a lot of enthusiasm to the teams. Especially in practices, she brings energy and helps people stay focused. She brings a good level of competition to practices too, giving people challenges that will ultimately improve their in-game play. She's just someone people can look to bring energy to the court."

This fall, Vardaro started out her third year on the Girls Varsity Soccer team. Even though a bone contusion sabotaged Vardaro's season only a few weeks into the fall, she came to every practice and game to support her team.

As her talent would have you expect, Vardaro's soccer history started well before PA. After learning to play in fourth grade, she played on club, travel, and A-level teams before she started her PA career playing Junior Varsity soccer as a Junior at PA. Her Lower year, she quickly moved up the ranks to become a member of the Varsity team.

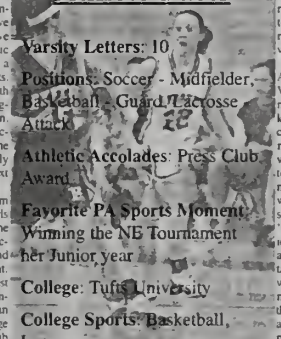
Coach Joel said of her star player, "Danielle is a tremendously talented athlete. I have enjoyed watching her evolve from a young, enthusiastic player on varsity teams to a team leader in three sports. She combines great strength and power with an even bigger will to compete and win. Danielle will find much success in college athletics--she has what it takes physically and mentally to go to the next level and thrive."

After recovering from injury, she captained the Girls Varsity Basketball team in the winter, leading them to second place in the New England post-season tournament. Basketball is Vardaro's best sport, and she plans to continue in college. Vardaro began playing basketball at the age of nine. Competing on club teams, in the Bay State Games, and in the Amateur Athletic Union, Vardaro had her fair share of basketball experience before she came to PA and made varsity her freshmen year. Additionally, Vardaro has earned a berth on the All-Star team for the past three years.

Starting in every game of the season, Vardaro delivered some stellar performances. In the Lady Blue's close 50-40 win over Governor Dummer Academy and in the ever-important 53-29 win against Exeter, she shot perfectly from the free throw line. Against the Loomis Chaffee Pelicans she tied her record for three-pointers. Point totals in the teens were not uncommon for Vardaro this winter, as she scored 17 points to help PA demolish Nobles and 15 to defeat Exeter for the second time in the 2003 season.

A deadly weapon from behind the arc, she holds the school record for the most three-pointers in both a single season and a career. This season Vardaro tallied 32 three-pointers, bringing her PA career total to an amazing 70. Vardaro also tied the record for most three-pointers in one game, tallying five in a single contest.

While some of Vardaro's talent is natural, much of her success has come as a result of hard work and love for the game. Kat Conlon '04 explained Vardaro's unparalleled work ethic on the basketball court, "Ever since I first got here she was completely dedicated to basketball. She's one person who will never stop trying to meet new challenges and make new challenges for herself. She's always trying to improve, and she's never satisfied with her own game. She was always more than modest and was willing to work on whatever she thought she needed to improve on. She was always in the gym, in the



her speed, her skill, or anything else that would make her a better player. All this working to improve her own basketball game came out of a concern for the team's sake. She just wanted us to be better."

While much of her motivation has come from within, Vardaro attributes her basketball success to the motivation she received from her aunt. She explains, "My aunt influenced me to play the most. She played Division One basketball in college, and she encouraged me to get into the sport. She coached me and had me play with her High School teams when I was only in fifth grade; I always played a step up because of her, and I rarely played on club teams. She always pushed me, and she was the one who saw my potential."

Reflecting on her Andover athletics career, Vardaro said her favorite moment was on the basketball court. Vardaro commented, "My favorite memory was when we won the New England tournament for basketball my freshman year. It was when everything to me seemed that much more 'larger than life,' and I idolized my teammates' athletic ability. My captain, Momo Akade '00, was a basketball god in my eyes. I'll never forget the feeling I got when I actually was subbed in to play in the New England Championship game. I couldn't believe I was actually out there. It was amazing, especially when the buzzer rang and we finally won. We were number 1, we did it, it was great."

This spring, Vardaro has been tearing up the fields as one of the lead scorers of the Girls Varsity Lacrosse team, bringing in 23 goals and 22 assists on the 2003 season. With her number of assists being just high as her goals, it is obvious Vardaro is a true team player. Vardaro had yet another spectacular season for the Lady Blue, highlighted by her performances at the Taft School and Tabor Academy games. In the Taft goals towards Andover's 10-7 victory. The next weekend, Vardaro brought in three goals and two assists to avenge the Tabor Seawolves for its championship win in basketball. In Andover's match against the Saint Paul's Pelicans, she tallied three goals in the close 11-8 victory.

Unlike with her other sports, Vardaro picked up lacrosse when she was a Junior at Andover. Incredibly, Vardaro made the move up to varsity by the end of her very first season in the sport. In addition to playing on the varsity team for three full years, Vardaro played on the Lower New England Lacrosse team and was on the All-Star team for two years. Vardaro plans to continue to play lacrosse in college next year.

Vardaro will be missed by her coaches and teammates alike. Many have marveled at Vardaro's talents, as Lacrosse Coach Dolan articulated. "Danielle Vardaro is a complete player--she could play any position on the field. She is a scorer and also a passer with great field vision. She is also very strong defensively and she excels at talking/communicating with her teammates on the field."

Fellow Bertucci's Athlete of the Year Sarah Demers '03, who played with Vardaro on both the lacrosse and soccer teams, said of her teammate. "Basically, Danielle had a presence on the field, whether it be soccer or lacrosse, that I would say is unmatched. She is commanding, critical to offense and defense. She has that omnipotent voice that can maintain control of the entire field. She settles the game down, allowing for her teammates to do their best. She's like a teacher on the field, instructing and guiding others, and I don't think anyone else plays that role the way she does."

Next year, Vardaro plans to play basketball and lacrosse for the Tufts University Jumbos. Vardaro will matriculate to Tufts' engineering school. The Andover three-sport star looks forward to the next stage of her career, saying, "I can't wait to continue my basketball experience in college because it means so much to me. It will be one step higher, and I [illegible]

SPORT: Softball

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: Ashley May

MANAGER:

COACH: Peter Drench

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Peggy Harrigan
Jessica Drench'95

SEASON RECORD

WON_ 7__LOST__5___TIED_____

Letter Winners

Collins, Danielle
Davis, Jennifer
Demetriou,
Samantha
Dickerson, Devon
Koh, Katherine
Lannan, Kelly
Love, Jamie
May, Ashley
McDonald, Melissa
Montecalvo, Megan
Sayall, Aneesa
Tetreau, Melissa
Voorhees, Dorothy
Zucker, Taryn

Softball

	PA	OPP
Wed. 4/2/2003(H) LOWELL HS		
3:15		
Sat. 4/5/2003(H) NORTH ANDOVER		
1:00		
Wed. 4/9/2003(A) LAWRENCE ACADEMY		
3:00		
Fri. 4/11/2003(H) NOBLE HS		
4:00		
Wed. 4/16/2003(H) K.U.A.		
3:45		
Wed. 4/23/2003(H) NORTH READING HS		
2:00		
Sat. 4/26/2003(H) NAZARETH/CUSHING/TABOR		
2:00		
Wed. 4/30/2003(H) EXETER		
2:30		
Fri. 5/2/2003(H) NEW HAMPTON		
4:00		
Mon. 5/5/2003(A) BROOKS		
3:45		
Wed. 5/7/2003(H) SHAWSHEEN TECH		
3:30		
Sat. 5/10/2003(A) DEERFIELD		
1:45		
Sat. 5/10/2003(A) STONELEIGH-BURNHAM		
4:00		
Fri. 5/16/2003(H) BIG EAST		
4:00		
Sat. 5/17/2003(H) BIG EAST		
9:00		
Fri. 5/23/2003(H) B. B. & N.		
4:45		
Sat. 5/24/2003(A) EXETER		
2:00		

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts
2003 Softball – Varsity

##	Player	Pos	Yr	Hometown
1	Danielle Collins	P/UT	04	Lowell, MA
7	Tanisha Colon-Bibb	OF	06	East Shroudsburg, PA
2	Jennifer Davis	C	05	Andover, MA
32	Samantha Demetriou	INF/OF	05	Lowell, MA
4	Devon Dickerson	2B	04	Pasadena, CA
32	Lauran Ferraro	INF/OF	06	Carlisle, MA
12	Catherine Hambleton	P	05	Winnetka, IL
16	Jevan Jammal	OF	06	Arlington, MA
3434	Katie Koh	1B/OF	05	Andover, MA
10	Kelly Lannan	SS/OF	03	Winchester, MA
3	Jamie Love	INF/OF	06	Salem, NH
14	Ashley May	OF/C	03	South Deerfield, MA
31	Melissa McDonald	OF/P	06	Lynnfield, MA
23	Megan Montecalvo	OF/P	06	Ipswich, MA
27	Anessa Sayall	MGR	03	Reston, VA
5	Jung-Min Son	OF	06	Seoul, Korea
19	Melissa Tetreau	INF	06	Methuen, MA
8	Dorothy Voorhees	C	04	Birmingham, AL
26	Anita Wu	OF	06	Warren, MI
9	Taryn Zucker	1B	03	Gilford, NH

COACH: Peter Drench, Doug Kuhlmann, Peg Harrigan
Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Mngr: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller

DATE OF CONTEST: April 16, 2003

OPPONENT: Kimball Union Academy

WHERE PLAYED: HOME

RESULTS: Win 6-0

DATE OF CONTEST: April 23, 2003

OPPONENT: North Reading High School

WHERE PLAYED: HOME

RESULTS: LOSS 1-5

Softball Stung By North Reading Hornets

The Blue finally got back on Isham Field for a second game in this meteorologically uncooperative season, but fell to North Reading HS, 5-1. Andover's frustration came not just at the hands of the talented Hornets, but from wasted scoring opportunities. On a difficult day to pitch, the Blue could cash in only once, stranding fourteen. Three times, Andover left the bases loaded, including in the 7th, when the potential tying run came up to bat. Errant baserunning, as well as the lack of that one clutch hit, sunk the home team. On the other side of the ledger, NRHS scored four of its five runs with two outs. Kelly Lannan (SS) managed two hits and Melissa Tetreau (3B) hit the ball hard, but without much luck. Danielle Collins (1-1) took the loss.

DATE OF CONTEST: April 30, 2003

OPPONENT: EXETER

WHERE PLAYED: HOME

RESULTS: LOSS 1-2

Exter Wins Softball Pitcher's Dual

On a rare sunny day in this cancellation-plagued season, Exeter's Andrea Laszlo handcuffed Andover, holding the Blue to just two hits for a 2-1 win in a game when her defense committed five errors. Andover pitcher Danielle Collins deserved a better fate after she allowed just four baserunners, except for the fourth inning. The Blue played errorless ball but kept falling one hit short of breaking open this pitcher's duel. Captain Ashley May did her best to jump-start PA. She reached base three times, stole a base, advanced two bases on an infield out and smacked a line drive the only time she was retired. However, Andover scored only once in the first inning after two were on, and failed to score despite getting the leadoff batter on in four innings. The Blue came closest when Dorothy Voorhees' 5th inning shot down the left field line fell a foot foul with two out and runners on second and third. Laszlo wriggled out of the jam on a breaking ball, her best pitch of the game. Kelly Lannan played a solid game at shortstop for PA, adding a hit and stolen base to match May's total.

DATE OF CONTEST: May 2, 2003

OPPONENT: New Hampton

WHERE PLAYED: HOME

RESULTS: WIN 15-0

Softball Pounds New Hampton

After managing only two singles in their previous game, Blue bats rang out seventeen hits in a 15-0 whitewash of visiting New Hampton. Ashley May and Dorothy Voorhees led the parade with three apiece, Melissa Tetreau and Sam Demetriou added two, and each of seven players chipped in one. Danielle Collins pitched her second shutout of the season, allowing four hits while striking out nine and walking only one batter. Devon Dickerson contributed a key sacrifice bunt in the third inning and a rally-making single in Andover's six-run fourth that broke open the contest. Kelly Lannan and Jamie Love stole bases to spark a revived running game, as Melissa McDonald and Laura Ferraro registered their first hits at PA. The team's defense continued to improve, committing just one error on a difficult chance. The win evened the Blue's record in this weather-hampered season at 2-2.

DATE OF CONTEST: May 7, 2003

OPPONENT: Shawsheen Tech

WHERE PLAYED: HOME

RESULTS: WIN 5-2

DATE OF CONTEST: May 10, 2003

OPPONENT: Deerfield Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Away

RESULTS: WIN 2-1

DATE OF CONTEST: May 16, 2003

OPPONENT: KUA (Big East)

WHERE PLAYED: HOME

RESULTS: Win

PA Finishes Fourth in Big East Invitational
Friday: PA 9 - KUA 1 (1st round)
Saturday: BB&N 2 - PA 1 (semis)
Cushing 13 - PA 3 (3rd place/consolation)

In the third annual Big East Invitational Tournament that it co-hosts with Brooks School, the young PA softball team just missed a place in the championship game before being forced to settle for fourth place in the eight-team field. While there was some justice in that result for the fourth-seeded Blue, the team felt justified in aiming higher after its opening-round, 9-1 win over 5th seed Kimball Union Academy on Friday. But 2nd seed Buckingham, Browne & Nichols School prevailed in a dramatic semi-final, 2-1, and went on to defeat top-seeded, previously unbeaten Worcester Academy, 8-6, for the title, while the Blue fell in the consolation game to Cushing Academy. The Penguins had slipped past 3rd seeded Brooks, 3-2, in 9 innings on Friday before being stopped by Worcester in the other semi-final. Phillips Exeter and Tilton, both 0-2, filled out the field. PA erupted for six runs in the bottom of the first inning against KUA, riding three hits, three errors and several stolen bases to a 6-0 lead. Without Captain Ashley May, the juggled Blue lineup opened with three straight hits by P Danielle Collins, 2B Devon Dickerson and 3B Melissa Tetreau. A walk to C Dorothy Voorhees put the Blue on the scoreboard and she, along with RF Sam Demetriou and DH Melissa McDonald, would tally before KUA came up for its second time. Collins enjoyed the comfortable margin and did not allow a hit until a bunt single led off the sixth inning, finishing with a two-hitter and five strikeouts. Tetreau totaled three hits, and Dickerson and Voorhees added two apiece. In the dramatic semi-final, higher seed BB&N was home team, and "visiting" PA scored first. Demetriou and McDonald walked with one out, and both moved up on an infield out. A second wild pitch in the inning produced PA's run. BB&N answered immediately with the two runs that would hold up for the victory. A single with one out and a passed ball put a runner in scoring position. But Collins struck out the next batter and seemed to be out of trouble when she yielded a triple. One walk later, the winner scored on a single to center field.

PA threatened in every inning that followed but just couldn't push across the tying run. In the sixth, 1B Taryn Zucker walked with two out, and raced to third on Collins' single to right center. Dickerson produced what looked like a perfect squeeze bunt but with Zucker already home, was called out on an extremely close

DATE OF CONTEST: May 17, 2003

OPPONENT: BB + N (Big East) / Cushing

WHERE PLAYED: HOME

RESULTS: Loss Loss

play at first base to end the inning. In the seventh, Voorhees and SS Kelly Lannan singled with one out, only to be stranded as the last two batters were retired, including Demetriou, who hit the ball hard three times in this game but had nothing to show for it. PA put up a great battle against a superior team and came up just a bit short. In the consolation game, the depleted Blue used its entire roster, trying to gain needed experience now that the championship was out of reach. DH Zucker rang up two hits, and a couple of RBI. 1B Katie Koh and RF Anita Wu stole bases, and C Jenn Davis notched five innings behind the plate. Danielle Collins was named to the nine-player All-Tournament Team, for which Dorothy Voorhees, Melissa Tetreau and Kelly Lannan earned consideration. With three games left on the 2003 schedule, the Blue stand at 6-4.

DATE OF CONTEST:

OPPONENT: BB&N

WHERE PLAYED: HOME

RESULTS: LOSS

oftball Battles BB&N Once More

The rematch was as closely contested as the original, but the results remained the same. Just as it had six days earlier in the Big East Invitational semi-finals, BB&N topped the Big Blue, this time by a 3-1 score. The ISL Champion Knights (17-1) cemented their claim to the top spot in eastern New England prep softball for 2003, while Andover's young squad continued to gain experience it hopes will lead to success in the near future.

BB&N got on the board with two runs in the second inning. Condino singled to center field, and Workman's infield hit put two on base. A force out brought some relief after an error loaded the bases but, after a strikeout, another error made the score, 1-0. Kozlowski's single to left lifted the Knights to a 2-0 lead. The Blue countered in the fifth inning. 2B Devon Dickerson worked a walk, stole second, and scored when 1B Taryn Zucker beat out an infield hit and the late throw sailed out of play. However, despite mounting threats in the 6th and 7th while BB&N added a pad run with two out and none on in the top of the final inning, PA was unable to dent winning pitcher Samantha Miller and the slick BB&N defense. P Danielle Collins didn't allow an earned run but suffered her fourth loss of the season.

DATE OF CONTEST:

OPPONENT: Brooks

WHERE PLAYED: Away

RESULTS: Win

Blue Softball Wins Tight Game With Neighborhood Rival
PA 4 - Brooks 0

P Danielle Collins (six strikeouts, three walks, one hit batter) tossed a four-hit shutout, her third whitewash this season, in a tense 4-0 win at Brooks. PA's North Andover neighbors have a fine softball program, and the two schools are now locked in a heated diamond rivalry. Freshman pitching star Taylor DiGloria (eight strikeouts, one walk) allowed runs grudgingly, matching Collins through four scoreless innings. Both pitchers worked out of jams: DiGloria shut the door with two on and none out, and Collins emerged unscathed from a couple of similar spots. A double play from RF Sam Demetriou to 1B Taryn Zucker answered a leadoff triple by Allison Arigg in the second to help keep Brooks off the board, though the hosts swung the bat well and always looked dangerous.

The Blue broke the ice in the fifth when a one-out infield slap by Zucker and line singles to right by CF Ashley May and Collins loaded the bases. 3B Melissa Tetreau drove in Zucker with a single to center, and Dorothy Voorhees's sacrifice fly brought home May for a 2-0 lead. In the sixth, SS Kelly Lannan registered the first of her two hits, moved to second on a single by 2B Devon Dickerson, and scored two outs later on another hit by May. In the top of the seventh, Voorhees launched what looked like a home run until she slipped on the damp turf while rounding third. As she scampered back to the bag, the late relay sailed out of play, and Voorhees was awarded home. Collins, now 5-2, punctuated her winning performance with two strikeouts in the bottom of the seventh.

DATE OF CONTEST:

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Away

RESULTS: Win

Softball Downs Exeter In Soggy Season Finale
PA 6 - PEA 2 (Game 1)
Game 2 Rained Out

Playing in conditions that perfectly punctuated a season in which the Blue chalked up more cancellations than wins, the Blue journeyed to cold, wet Exeter for the 2003 finale. The hosts worked hard to make their field playable, which lasted until a 5th inning downpour ended the first of two scheduled games, and made the second one moot. P Danielle Collins adjusted to the elements, and PA used its short game to pressure the Red's defense into several miscues. Exeter P Andrea Laszlo gave up only four hits, but Andover blew open the game with timely bunting and aggressive baserunning. With one out in the third inning, 1B Taryn Zucker reached safely on a bunt single and CF Ashley May's sacrifice was thrown away, resulting in runners at second and third. P Danielle Collins' deftly bunted into a fielder's choice, scoring Zucker and sending May all the way to third leaving Collins, who had kept running, on second. 3B Melissa Tetreau reached on an error, scoring May and sending courtesy runner Katie Koh home. 2B Devon Dickerson hit a two-out double, RF Sam Demetriou walked, and SS Kelly Lannan reached on an error, scoring Tetreau, to make it 4-0, before a force play ended the inning.

Exeter countered with a run on a walk, wild pitch and two-out double to left center field by SS Lily Dionne-Jermanovich, the only hit off Collins. Andover added two runs in the fourth, when May and Collins walked with one out and were driven in on a two-out single to center by C Dorothy Voorhees. As the rain poured down, the Red tallied a slippery, unearned run on an errant throw and a wild pitch sandwiched among an infield popup, a fly ball on which LF Megan Montecalvo made the second of her two fine catches of the day, and a season-ending strikeout by Collins (7-4), her 69th in 73 innings of pitching. This season, Andover and Exeter split two games. Graduating Captain and CF Ashley May and her fellow seniors SS Kelly Lannan, 1B Taryn Zucker and MGR Aneesa Sayall say goodbye after a 7-5 season with eight cancellations, a good showing in the Big East Invitational and high hopes for 2004. Younger players gained experience and there are newcomers whose addition is eagerly anticipated. Nevertheless, the loss of May's leadership and range in the outfield, Lannan's enthusiasm and Zucker's acrobatic play at first base and improved offense will be felt.

5/17/2003
PA Finishes Fourth in Big East Invitational
Friday: PA 9 - KUA 1 (1st round)
Saturday: BB&N 2 - PA 1 (semis)
Cushing 13 - PA 3 (3rd place/consolation)
In the third annual Big East Invitational Tournament that it co-hosts with Brooks School, the young PA softball team just missed a place in the championship game before being forced to settle for fourth place in the eight-team field. While there was some justice in that result for the fourth-seeded Blue, the team felt justified in aiming higher after its opening-round, 9-1 win over 5th seed Kimball Union Academy on Friday. But 2nd seed Buckingham, Browne & Nichols School prevailed in a dramatic semi-final, 2-1, and went on to defeat top-seeded, previously unbeaten Worcester Academy, 8-6, for the title, while the Blue fell in the consolation game to Cushing Academy. The Penguins had slipped past 3rd seeded Brooks, 3-2, in 9 innings on Friday before being stopped by Worcester in the other semi-final. Phillips Exeter and Tilton, both 0-2, filled out the field. PA erupted for six runs in the bottom of the first inning against KUA, riding three hits, three errors and several stolen bases to a 6-0 lead. Without Captain Ashley May, the juggled Blue lineup opened with three straight hits by P Danielle Collins, 2B Devon Dickerson and 3B Melissa Tetreau. A walk to C Dorothy Voorhees put the Blue on the scoreboard and she, along with RF Sam Demetriou and DH Melissa McDonald, would tally before KUA came up for its second time. Collins enjoyed the comfortable margin and did not allow a hit until a bunt single led off the sixth inning, finishing with a two-hitter and five strikeouts. Tetreau totaled three hits, and Dickerson and Voorhees added two apiece. In the dramatic semi-final, higher seed BB&N was home team, and "visiting" PA scored first. Demetriou and McDonald walked with one out, and both moved up on an infield out. A second wild pitch in the inning produced PA's run. BB&N answered immediately with the two runs that would hold up for the victory. A single with one out and a passed ball put a runner in scoring position. But Collins struck out the next batter and seemed to be out of trouble when she yielded a triple. One walk later, the winner scored on a single to center field.

PA threatened in every inning that followed but just couldn't push across the tying run. In the sixth, 1B Taryn Zucker walked with two out, and raced to third on Collins' single to right center. Dickerson produced what looked like a perfect squeeze bunt but with Zucker already home, was called out on an extremely close play at first base to end the inning. In the seventh, Voorhees and SS Kelly Lannan singled with one out, only to be stranded as the last two batters were retired, including Demetriou, who hit the ball hard three times in this game but had nothing to show for it. PA put up a great battle against a superior team and came up just a bit short. In the consolation game, the depleted Blue used its entire roster, trying to gain needed experience now that the championship was out of reach. DH Zucker rang up two hits, and a couple of RBI. 1B Katie Koh and RF Anita Wu stole bases, and C Jenn Davis notched five innings behind the plate. Danielle Collins was named to the nine-player All-Tournament Team, for which Dorothy Voorhees, Melissa Tetreau and Kelly Lannan earned consideration. With three games left on the 2003 schedule, the Blue stand at 6-4.

GIRLS SOFTBALL SLIPS PAST DA, BEATS BROOKS

by Danielle Collins & Katie Koh
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	2
Deerfield	1
Andover	4
Brooks	0

SOFTBALL

This week was one of great challenges and great successes for Big Blue's softball team. Facing off against a tough Deerfield squad on Saturday and then local rivals Brooks on Tuesday afternoon proposed a difficult week for the team. However, aggressive attitudes and stellar performances earned the girls two well-deserved victories.

The match between Deerfield and PA was, to say the least, intense. The game remained scoreless until the top of the sixth inning, two outs. Andover somehow managed to squeak some needed runs over the plate. Melissa Tetrault '06 started the

Continued on Page B6, Column 1

Collins '04 Pitches To Near Perfection; Girls Wins Two

Continued from Page B1, Column 3

rally with a line to single. Then Dorothy Voorhees '04 reached on a difficult pop up. Kelly Lannan '03 then teamed up with Devon Dickerson '04 to drive Tetrault and Voorhees in. These two runs would prove crucial, as they were the only two the Big Blue was able to squeak by the strong Deerfield defense.

However, the real story on Saturday was Danielle Collins '04. Collins retired the first 15 batters that stepped into the batters box. Although Collins retired nine of the 15 batters herself, Lannan played exceptionally at shortstop. By fielding a few tough hits and making strong throws, Lannan was able to keep Collins' perfect game alive up to the sixth inning.

Unfortunately, Collins' perfect game (and her no hitter) were spoiled by the bottom of seventh by a combination of bobbled ground balls and solid Deerfield hits. With one out in the bottom of the seventh, the Lady Blue found themselves with one out and Deerfield runners on second and third. Thankfully, an amazing double play involving Collins, Taryn Zucker '03 and Voorhees stopped Deerfield in their tracks and enabled the Blue to pull away with a 2-1 victory over the Big Green. Coach Peter Drench remarks on the game that "Danielle was masterful in retiring the first 17 Deerfield batters she faced, and maintained her poise after her bid for a perfect game, and then a no-hitter went by the boards. When Deerfield rallied in the bottom of the seventh, she started a brilliant double play that was completed by Zucker and Voorhees. In looking back on this memorable performance, I'm as proud of her competitor's makeup as I am of her skills."

Brooks was another nail biter. Collins on the mound again after one a few days break, was in desperate need of her defense. Although she threw her fourth shutout of the season, striking out six, defense and aggressive hitting was the key in this defeat. Tetrault and Dickerson teamed up for seven put-outs, leading the team defensively throughout the game. Offensively, Andover was unable to score until the fifth inning. However, with bases loaded in the fifth, Tetrault drove in Zucker, who reached base on a perfectly placed slap bunt, for the first, much needed, run which broke the ice. After scoring one more in the fifth, they were able to pull out two more insurance runs, one of which was a solo home run by Voorhees in the top of the seventh. The Big Blue was able to leave North Andover with a 4-0 victory on Tuesday.

"The team really pulled together against Brooks," remarked Captain Ashley May '03. "Everyone stepped up where they were needed and everyone played up to their ability. Beating Brooks was a big win for us. It gives us local bragging rights as well as gives us a mental edge as we head into our Big East Prep Tournament this weekend, which we are co-hosting with Brooks. It was great to see the girls really pull together and play like a team."

Softball Fails in Defense of Big East Title, Girls Lose to BB&N

by Danielle Collins & Katie Koh
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	9
KUA	1
Andover	13
Cushing	3
BB&N	2
Andover	1

Even a home field advantage could not help the young Andover Softball team defend its title as Big East Champions. The Lady Blue went from Champions to the fourth place year in this spring's tournament. The Girls in Blue opened up the weekend by resoundingly defeating Kimball Union Academy, 9-1. That would be the Girls' first and last win of the weekend, as they dropped subsequent games to BB&N and Cushing Academy.

The Big Blue looked as if it was on fire during Friday night's opening game against KUA. Playing at home and with a large crowd of supportive fans, the Lady Blue earned six runs in the bottom of the first inning. Playing without Captain Ashley May '03, PA had to rearrange the batting order a little; however, the team still managed to gel without its Captain. The Blue started the game with three straight hits from Danielle Collins '04, Devon Dickerson '04, and Melissa Tetreau '06. Then a combination of walks, hits and errors gave Andover a very comfortable lead going into the top of the second inning. Tetreau finished the game with three hits and catcher Dorothy Voorhees '04 and Dickerson both tallied two hits apiece.

Collins, again on the mound for the Blue, enjoyed the team's comfortable lead throughout the entire game. She did not allow a hit until a bunted single in the top of the sixth inning. She finished the game with a two hitter. In addition, the Big Blue increased its winning streak to five games.

J. Bovaird/ *The Phillipian*

Danielle Collins '04 hurls a pitch towards the plate in the Lady Blue's first round win over KUA, last Friday.

Unfortunately, the Lady Blue could not keep up its winning streak as it faced a tough squad from BB&N in the Saturday morning semi-final. The Big Blue came out strong and scored first. Sam Demetriou '05 walked with one out in the third inning, and then an infield groundout and a pass ball allowed her to score. In the next inning, BB&N answered, scoring two runs, which would hold up for the victory.

The Lady Blue threatened BB&N throughout the rest of the game but simply could not get a person to cross the plate. Taryn Zucker '03 walked in the top of the sixth with two outs then advanced to third on a gap shot by Collins. Then with two outs, tying run on third base, Dickerson and Zucker produced what seemed like the perfect suicide squeeze; however, the first base umpire called Dickerson out on a questionable call. Then in the seventh, Kelly Lannan '03 and Voorhees were stranded on second and third and the Lady Blue's hopes of a Championship were dashed.

The weekend filled with only disappointments. PA's star pitcher, Collins, who allowed just two earned runs during her thirteen innings pitcher, was named to the nine-player All-Tournament Team, for which Lannan, Tetreau, and Voorhees also received consideration.

PA Softball Drops Kimball Union Academy In First Game; Collins Pitches Flawlessly

by Brittany Kaiser
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	6
KUA	0

The PA softball team kicked off their season with a shutout victory against Kimball Union Academy last Wednesday. Having played on its home field for less than one week, the team was still able to pull it together and take down KUA.

SOFTBALL

Starting pitcher Danielle Collins '04 dominated the KUA batters. Working with new catchers Dorothy Voorhees '03 and Jenn Davis '05, she struck out eight batters and gave up a mere two hits. PA played excellent defense, with May making two running catches in center field. Davis and Voorhees each threw out a runner attempting to steal a base.

Leadoff batter Devon Dickerson '04 went 2-for-4 and sparked the PA lineup from the top spot. Dickerson also proved her great eye, working the pitch count up in each of her at bats. For the girls to have a potent offense this season, they will need Dickerson on top of her game.

Also turning in an excellent performance was third baseman Melissa Tetreau '06, who also went 2-for-4.

Along with Tetreau, seven other players made their PA Varsity debut on Wednesday. In the words of Coach Peter Drench, "We're a young team, yet played solid defensively and weren't undone by the nervousness everybody feels the first time out."

Second baseman Dickerson was also impressed with the team's performance, saying, "Our win against Kimball Union Academy was the perfect way to start our 2003 season. It was only the third time we have played on our field this spring, and I was really impressed with the way that the team was able to come together."

Returning from last year are several of the teams' core players. Their ace, Collins, is back and ready for another amazing year. Collins had an impressive season in 2002, striking out many opposing players, and nearly pitching a perfect game. Loosing all of last years' backup pitchers, Catherine Hambleton '05 is a new comer that looks very promising. Her past pitching experience will be sure to help out PA tremendously in the upcoming season. Pitching is nothing without a skilled catcher, and PA is lucky to have two new players behind home plate. Voorhees and Davis are both catchers that will make fine replacements for last years' girls. Also joining the catching position is Captain May, who also plays a mean centerfield.

Running ahead to first base, PA has Taryn Zucker '03, last years' starter. Also retuning is Katie Koh '05, who will take her place as a new first basemen. Last year, Koh participated on the varsity team as a pinch runner. No doubt, her speed will still come in handy, but this time she has a place on offense.

M. Floyd/ *The Phillipian*

Danielle Collins '04 unloads a mighty swing on the incoming KUA pitch, launching the ball towards the fences.

Along with Captain May '03, a group of fab freshman will patrol the outfield for the Lady Blue. Joining May will in the outfield with be Davis, Jevan Jammal '06, Jamie Love '06, and Melissa Tetreau '06. A few of the girls can expect to see time in the infield as well.

Newcomers and veterans alike are optimistic about the season ahead. Samantha Demetriou '05 asserted, "The whole team has been really flexible with having to practice in the cage. Even though we haven't been outside, I can tell we work well together."

Demetriou continued, saying, "Despite the fact that some of the new-comers are novices, they seem very eager to learn. As a whole, the season looks promising, and I hope it is."

Veteran Dickerson concluded, saying, "With such a young team, it will be exciting to see the team's progression as the season unfolds."

GIRLS SOFTBALL PLACES FOURTH AT INVITATIONAL

by Danielle Collins & Katie Koh
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

After losing over half their starters to graduation, the girls of PA Softball knew they were in for a tough year. The Lady Blue made the best of the sour conditions, grooming a core of solid younger players for a run at greatness in the seasons to come.

The four returning starters, Captain Ashley May '03, Taryn Zucker '03, Devon Dickerson '04, and Danielle Collins '04 anchored the team this season. New talent was a driving force in the Varsity program this spring. New Upper Dorothy Voorhees '04 started behind the plate this season, and Kelly Lannan '03 started as the Blue's shortstop. However, the freshman class provided the most new talent for the Blue this season. Starting at third base this season was Melissa Tetreau '06, and in left field, Megan Montecalvo '06.

Even with all of the new talent, this year was one of speed bumps and obstacles for PA. The team started out their season after five rain outs with a win over KUA.

Then, after losing two in a row, the Blue started a winning streak that lasted until the second round of the Big East Invitational Tournament. The season was highlighted by a 4-0 win over rival boarding school Brooks and a close win over Deerfield.

Sadly enough, the girls will graduate many of their leaders this season. Captain, centerfielder, and leadoff batter May will be difficult to replace. Firstbaseman Zucker will also leave a gap, as she has been an outstanding defensive weapon for the Lady Blue over the last two seasons. Shortstop Lannan will also be leaving the squad this year. Although she was with the team for only one year, her effort and spirit are irreplaceable.

With such a talented Junior class and new upperclassmen, the Blue softball team is looking forward to a very successful 2004 season.

SPORT: Boys Tennis

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: Simon Hawkins

MANAGER:

COACH: Tom Hodgson

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 5 LOST 6 TIED

Letter Winners

Draper, Adam
Dykema, John
Hawkins, Simon
Li, Michael
Musumeci, Joseph
Stulgis, Seth
Wagman, Daniel
Weigel, Jonathan

Boys Tennis

			PA	OPP
Wed. 4/2/2003	(A)	BELMONT HILL	4	1
Sat. 4/5/2003	(A)	TAFT	4	2
Wed. 4/9/2003	(H)	CONCORD ACADEMY	cancelled	
Fri. 4/11/2003	(H)	GROTON	4	3
Sat. 4/12/2003	(H)	N.M.H.	2	5
Wed. 4/16/2003	(H)	TUFTS	6	0
Sat. 4/26/2003	(A)	DEERFIELD	1	6
Wed. 4/30/2003	(H)	EXETER	6	1
Sat. 5/3/2003	(A)	MILTON	0	7
Wed. 5/7/2003	(H)	MOSES BROWN		
Sat. 5/10/2003	(H)	CHOATE	2	5
Wed. 5/14/2003	(A)	EXETER	3	4
Sat. 5/17/2003	(A)	TOURNAMENT@ Milton Academy	3	4
Thurs. 5/22/2003	(H)	ANDOVER HS	scrimmage	
Sat. 5/24/2003	(A)	TOURNAMENT		

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
TENNIS BOYS VARSITY A
ROSTER 2003

Adams,Joseph	2003	Wayzata, MN
Draper, Adam	2004	Atherton, CA
Dykema, John	2004	Corpus Christi, TX
Hawkins, Simon	2003	Darien, CT
Li, Michael	2006	Andover, MA
Musumeci, Joseph	2003	North Andover, MA
Wagman, Daniel	2006	Beverly Hills, CA
Weigel, Jonathan	2005	Lincoln, MA

Coach: Tom Hodgson

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
TENNIS BOYS VARSITY B
ROSTER 2003

Feng, Elliot	2005	Westport, CT
Grant, Benjamin	2005	Andover, MA
Henningsen, Edward	2005	Andover, MA
Jacobson, Julian	2006	Andover, MA
Ricotta, Alex	2006	Arvada, CO
Stuglis, Seth	2004	Charlestown, MA
Vale, Brent	2004	San Jose, CA
Wallace, Anders	2004	Durham, NC

Coach: Greg Wilkin

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Mngr: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller

4/11/03

Boys Tennis Plays Groton Indoors; Earns Third Straight Win

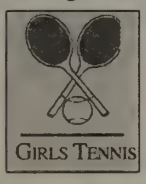
PA boys tennis picked up their third win of the young season Friday when they rescheduled a home match to play indoors at Groton and came away with a 4-3 victory. The Blue took the doubles for the first time thanks in part to the contribution of Michael Li, whose iffy wrist had kept him out of the doubles lineup to date. Michael and his #2 doubles partner Simon Hawkins also contributed important singles wins to the team's total. The match ended dramatically. #3 Joe Musumeci battled back after losing the first set. With the team scores tied at 3-3, and with everybody on both teams watching from the next court, Joe went up 5-2 in the third set, only to give up three straight games to face a 5-5 score and a newly confident opponent. Countering the aggressive angles of his Groton opponent with deep topspin shots down the middle, Joe forced the errors he needed and served out the set to win it 7-5.

Milton, Choate, PEA Take Turns Pounding PA Tennis

by Anders Wallace
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Milton	7
Andover	0
Choate	5
Andover	2
Exeter	4
Andover	3

Coming off of a rejuvenating win against archrival Exeter, the



P.A. Boys Varsity Tennis squad was unable to hold off an accomplished Milton team. Andover fell at the hands of the premier New England tennis program, losing 0 – 7. The loss to Milton was the latest episode in a season that has been generally erratic for the boys in blue. Prior to the convincing victory against Exeter, the Blue had gone 5 – 2. Despite jump-starting the season with an early 3 – 0 run, key losses against N.M.H. and Deerfield proved to be a setback for P.A. Both defeats- including the latest against Milton- have been away games, leaving the team with a flawless home record. After a victory against Exeter, however, Andover seemed generally unprepared to contest with a more experienced Milton group.

Andover was pushed around from the very outset of the doubles matches. In the first game, Milton's number one and three seeds overcame PA's top doubles team of Li '06 and Simon Hawkins '03 with a 1 – 8 score. In the second doubles competition, the Blue's Joe Musumeci '03 and Russell Dykema '04 were less than effective against their opponent's number two doubles team and were defeated, 1– 8. Under the NCAA regulations that both teams observe, the winner of the first two doubles matches receives one point towards their overall score. Thus, Milton went up early, 1 – 0.

In the singles games, the Blue fared little better than it had in doubles. The top-seeded Li started off all matches with a loss to his opponent, by a margin of 2– 6, 0 – 6. Milton's premier player, a ranked athlete who has received region-wide recognition, made use of an advantage in strength and experience in overcoming a slightly undersized Li. Musumeci was also unable to hold off his opponent, falling by the score of 4 – 6, 1 – 6. Dykema and team Hawkins both lost in their matches as well. Despite exemplary effort and commitment on behalf of both players, each suffered defeat by the score of 1 – 6, 3 – 6, in his respective matchup. John Weigel '05 lost his match by going down in the first set and then rebounding, only to fall agonizingly short of victory with a score of 2 – 6, 5– 7. His opponent made use of a consistent, down-the-line forehand shot to deny Weigel the win. In closing out the final match of the day, Dan Wagman '06 lost to his opponent 2– 6, 2 – 6.

Andover continued its recent slump by suffering defeat at the hands of rival Choate with a score of 5 – 2. The loss was an overall disappointment for the Blue with Choate commanding the early doubles matches and winning all three by the scores of 8 – 2, 8 – 4, and 8 – 6. Despite faring slightly better in singles matches, Andover was nonetheless unable to pull away with a victory. Top-seeded Li continued his virtually-undefeated season by trouncing his opponent in only two sets, 6 – 4, 6 – 1. However, the team's next top three players, all veterans of the PA squad, went down to defeat and provided Choate with a margin that would have proved difficult to overcome. Musumeci was bested by his opponent, 1 – 6, 0 – 6 and third-seeded Dykema also fell to his adversary by the equally dissatisfying score of 1– 6, 2 – 6. Captain Hawkins also lost to his opponent in three hard-fought sets by a score of 7– 5, 4 – 6, 3 – 6. Although Weigel was able to win his match by a score of 7 – 6, 6 – 2, the sophomore's effort came simply too late. With the game all but over, sixth-seeded Wagman was unable to dig out the win despite playing a full three-sets worth of tennis.

Andover's rematch against Exeter finished up as a disappointing encore performance to the Big Blue's exemplary dismantling of the Red during the two school's previous encounter. After the Blue won its first doubles match of the afternoon, 8 – 6, all signs indicated that it could have been another cakewalk for the team that had trounced the Exies 6 – 1 in their first match of the season. However, by losing the next two doubles contests, Andover gave up the coveted point to its archrival, allowing Exeter to go up 1 –0 in the early run.

Li pulled away with victory yet again in his singles match, winning in three sets. Although Musumeci suffered defeat for his second consecutive game, it was Dykema's match that served as the focal point of the afternoon, as he lost the match in three sets. In subsequent singles competitions, Hawkins and Weigel both won their matches. As the blow that gave Exeter the final edge, Dan Wagman lost his match, 5 – 7, 2 – 6.

The narrow loss to Andover's historical archrival brings the Boys Tennis Team to a low point for the season. In riding its unprecedented three-game losing streak, the Blue now rests with a record of 5-5.

First Round Matchup with Avon Old Farms Proves Catastrophic

by Anders Wallace
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Avon Old Farms	**4**
Andover	**2**

Just three days after suffering a 4-3 defeat at the hands of archrival Exeter, the PA Boys Varsity Tennis team fell on some hard times, taking an exit of the regional tournament. The team lost to Avon Old Farms in their first, and only, matches of the day. Although the situation seemed promising for Andover in the early going, three virtually consecutive losses to Avon in singles matches all but sealed the Blue's fate.

Russel Dykema '04 and Joe Musumeci '03 teamed up to earn PA's first doubles victory of the morning; they defeated their opponents, 8-6. Dan Wagman '06 and Adam Draper '04, in turn, won 8-6, in a pleasantly surprising showing as the third ranked doubles team. The two wins earned a point towards Andover's final score.

Although results from the doubles matches suggested that the Blue's trip into the second round would be little more than a cakewalk, the singles results proved disconcerting right from the start. In the first contest, top player Michael Li '06 suffered a truly rare defeat at the hands of his Avon opponent. That Li's adversary was a finalist at last year's invitational tournament served to lighten the loss only a bit for the freshman.

In the second match of the morning, Musumeci carried home a win with a solid 6-3, 6-3 trouncing of his man. The next two games, where both Dykema and Wagman lost to their respective opponents, proved pivotal in swinging the momentum towards Avon Old Farms' side. Dykema allowed his opponent to scrape by (6-4) in the first set. Unable to recover, the upper lost his game in two sets (6-2 in the second). Wagman also lost, by two identical 6-3 margins. In a match that effectively sealed the affair for PA, Draper lost his game in three hard-fought sets. Draper won the first in a nail-biter, a match that concluded only after an intense tie-breaker. However, Draper could not pull through in the following two sets, as he allowed his opponent to get back in the game with a 6-4 win in the second set, followed by a 7-5 victory in the third. With the final result resting in Avon's favor (by a mere two points), the match of team Captain Simon Hawkins '03 was abandoned (the score of his match stood tied at 2-2 in the third set).

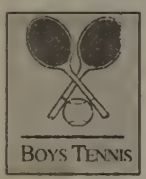
The defeat was a definite setback for the Blue tennis squad and it was little retribution that Avon went on to lose to Milton in the second round. Milton advanced, and won the whole thing with a victory against Deerfield in the final round. The game marked PA's fourth consecutive loss. The team now stands with a record of 5-6, just below .500. Although Coach Hodgson still nurtures hope that the team will receive an invitation to its season-ending New England tournament, the chances grow slimmer with each missed opportunity to turn things around. The team's only remaining game before the tournament is a home match up with local rival Andover High School. The meet is rematch, and the Golden Warriors enter the contest with the Big Blue with revenge on their minds. Although all predictions are that the Blue will triumph and salvage its season from ending sub-.500, the match is certainly not in the bag. A win over the Warriors would be crucial for the boys in determining the placement of the team in the tournament this Saturday. If the squad should fail, it will prove a somewhat disillusioning end to a season that undoubtedly had superior potential. As the tennis program looks to the future, it would seem confident in the abilities of three exceptional underclassmen: Li, Wagman, and Jon Weigel '05. Returning veterans should include Dykema and Draper. With senior leadership and a crop of talented underclassmen, the future does truly look bright for the Phillips Academy Tennis team.

Andover Boys Tennis Takes Wins In Two of Week's Three Matches

by Anders Wallace
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	4
Groton	3
NMH	5
Andover	2
Andover	5
Tufts	0

Following on the heels of a propitious 2 – 0 start, the Boys Varsity Tennis team continued its early streak of victories by striking quickly and effectively against a challenging Groton opponent. The Blue won by a margin of 4 – 3. After the cancellation of Andover's April 9 match-up against Concord Academy due to weather conditions, the squad was quick to get back on its feet without missing a step. Andover won in its first two doubles matches, 8 – 5 and 8 – 4, respectively. Despite falling short in its final doubles game (by a score of 3 – 8), the team had already earned that one point that proved so crucial to the outcome of the contest.



In singles matches, PA's top two players picked up the slack in dispatching their two opponents. Michael Li '06, a freshman talent who has won all of his singles matches so far this season, promptly defeated Groton player Stu Londesberg in two sets, 6 – 2, 6 – 4. Joe Musumeci '03, a seasoned veteran of the varsity team, overcame the odds early on by powering past his opponent in the final two sets of a three-set match; Musumeci defeated Teddy Bunzel, 1 – 6, 6 – 2, 7 – 5. Returning Upper Russel Dykema '04 was unable to overcome his opponent's play. Dykema, who has been mired in a minor slump to start the season, lost 3 – 6, 3 – 6.

Team captain Simon Hawkins '03 mastered his opponent John Grenier in what turned out to be a riveting two-set match. After squeezing past Grenier in the first set, 7 – 6 (7 – 5), Hawkins surged past Grenier to win the second set, 6 – 2. Two new recruits, Dan Wagman '06 and John Weigel '05, both lost in their respective contests. Wagman was unable to prevail (he lost his match 1 – 6, 1 – 6) and Weigel, despite a commendable effort, lost to Ian MacGregor 6 – 1, 4 – 6, 1 – 6.

Andover was unable to keep their momentum rolling as their pleasantly surprising three-game winning streak came to an abrupt end last Saturday as the team lost to NMH by a score of 2 – 5. The match, which was supposed to be PA's home opener for the season was instead rescheduled as an away contest due to poor weather conditions. Despite the new location the team still had to contend with wet and slippery conditions on NMH's concrete courts. The team, competing for a second straight day, displayed some of its weariness in dropping two of its three opening doubles match-ups. After losing its first doubles match, 5 – 8, the Blue was able to recover and bounce back with an 8 – 1 trouncing of the opposition's 2nd and 4th seeds. The effort was in vain, however, as NMH triumphed decisively in its third doubles campaign, coming away with one point to contribute to their final score.

In singles match-ups, Li won yet again, defeating Willie Thwaites by a score of 8 – 6. Musumeci, however, was unable to hold out against adversary Ryan Barcone, falling to his opponent by an agonizingly close score of 8 – 9. Dykema, in turn, lost to Matt Wacks, 2 – 8. Wacks made use of a good, low slice shot and a powerful second serve to overcome Dykema in this eight-game pro-set. Hawkins fell to his opponent in a similar fashion, losing 2 – 8.

Wagman was able to put forth an outstanding performance, adding something of a silver lining to an otherwise bleak day; Wagman defeated Ian Behr, 8 – 5. Weigel, another prospect for the team's future, was unable to deal with his adversary's "chip and charge" technique and aggressive style of play and lost 6 – 8. Despite the contest's unsuccessful outcome, Coach Tom Hodgson praised the team by awarding it a gold star in his record-book, signifying his approval of the team's effort given the conditions of play.

In its first home game of the season, Andover trounced an unprepared and under-manned Tufts squad by the score of 5 – 0. The Blue was able to shine in both singles and doubles matches, resulting in a flawless performance against Tufts (which chose to only bring four players to the game). In doubles matches, a team of Hawkins and Li won with a convincing score of 8 – 4. Wagman and Weigel triumphed by the score of 8 – 5 in their match as well. PA picked up where it had left off throughout the following singles games. Hawkins dominated his opponent, winning in two sets (6 – 0, 6 – 0). Although Dykema dropped his first set, he was able to persevere and come away with a hard-fought victory in three sets. Both Musumeci and Li triumphed in their respective matches as well, reaffirming Andover's overall victory. With a record of 4 – 1, the squad anxiously awaits its upcoming match tomorrow against Deerfield.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Boys Varsity Tennis Captain Simon Hawkins '03 follows through on a serve against Tufts University on Wednesday.

Boys Tennis Splits Season Series Against Exeter Red

by Anders Wallace
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The planets aligned and the tennis balls bounced the right way for Andover Boys Tennis this season. The team opened the season with high hopes under the senior leadership of Captain Simon Hawkins '03 and Joe Musumeci '03.

Coach Tom Hodgson expected the young talent could rely on their older teammates for guidance. Indeed, the underclassmen did all that could have been asked of them. Michael Li '06, an outstanding tennis prospect who suffered only two defeats on the season, shows promise to become the team's top player for years to come. Also, underclassmen Dan Wagman '06 and Jon Weigel '05 played all year with exceptional poise and determination, giving the team pivotal wins in countless tight situations.

Rising Seniors who will pace the team during the next season include Russel Dykema '04, Adam Draper '04, and Seth Stulgis '04.

On April 2, the team started off its 2003 campaign by thoroughly dismantling Belmont Hill, by the score of 4–1. The win marked the beginning of a three-game tear for PA, which won its next two games against both Taft and Groton. The boys ended their streak with a painful, 5-2 loss to NMH, only one day after the squad's win over Groton. The defeat grounded Andover; Musumeci, Hawkins, and Dykema all lost their respective matches, and the Blue appeared tired after four straight appearances on the road. Although the squad was able to bounce back with a 6–0 pounding of Tufts, the joy ride was undeniably over.

PA dropped its next game, a 6-1 decision at Deerfield, and went 3-1 in its next four contests. The boys dropped games to both the Milton Tigers and Choate Wild Boars. Encouragingly, the boys split a match-up with Phillips Exeter. Although the Blue triumphed decisively in its first match against the Red, Exeter claimed the second game with a 4–3 victory in New Hampshire. The loss left Andover at .500 and with a record of 5–5.

The team then received an invitation to a May 17 tournament. The boys held out hope that they might defeat their first-round opponent to compete against regional powerhouse Milton in the second round. But the dream rematch was not to be. PA drew Avon Old Farms in the first round. The Big Blue had beaten Old Farms, a tiny New England all-boys school, in previous years, but this time the opposition proved to be too talented for an overmatched Phillips team. The entire team, except for Musumeci, lost their singles matches. It was of little consolation to the boys that Old Farms would go on to lose against Milton in the second round. Milton ended up winning the tournament, downing the Big Green of Deerfield in the finals.

The departure of the team's Seniors will undoubtedly weaken the squad for next year. However, Andover has entrusted its considerable hopes in the hands of a core of experienced Uppers and a handful of prodigious underclassmen. If their development proceeds as Coach Hodgson hopes, Andover Tennis fans can expect nothing short of glory in the years to come.

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Frosh sensation Michael Li '06 rips a shot crosscourt.

SPORT: Girls Tennis

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: **Tara Gadgil**
Anne Snyder

MANAGER:

COACH: **Leon Holley**

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON_ 6___LOST___3____TIED_____

Letter Winners

Chang, Sarah
Gadgil, Tara
Grace, Diana
Hsiao, Jessica
Schmidt, Arielle
Snyder, Anne
Snyder, Sara
Sridhar, Priya

Girls Tennis

			PA	OPP
Sat. 4/5/2003	(A)	DEERFIELD	cancelled	
Wed. 4/9/2003	(H)	TABOR	cancelled	
Sat. 4/12/2003	(H)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	cancelled	
Wed. 4/16/2003	(H)	ST. PAUL'S	13	5
Sat. 4/19/2003	(A)	CHOATE	5	4
Thurs. 4/24/2003	(H)	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	4	1
Sat. 4/26/2003	(A)	EXETER	0	9
Tues. 4/29/2003	(H)	ANDOVER HS (from 5/15)	3:30	
Fri. 5/2/2003	(H)	NEWTON COUNTRY DAY	6	0
Sat. 5/3/2003	(A)	N.M.H.	8	1
Wed. 5/7/2003	(A)	MILTON	6	12
Sat. 5/10/2003	(H)	LOOMIS	5	4
Wed. 5/14/2003	(H)	THAYER	0	18
Wed. 5/21/2003	(H)	EXETER	cancelled	
Sat. 5/24/2003	(A)	NEPSAC		

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
TENNIS GIRLS VARSITY A
ROSTER 2003

Finn, Heather	2003	Andover, MA
Gadgil, Tara	2003	Houston, TX
Grace, Diana	2005	Locust Valley, NY
Schmidt, Arielle	2003	Burr Ridge, IL
Sridhar, Priya	2003	Andover, MA
Hsiao, Jessica	2004	Andover, MA
Park, Jane	2005	Northbrook, IL
Snyder, Anne	2003	Andover, MA
Snyder, Sara	2006	Andover, MA
Chang, Sarah	2005	Chicago, IL

Coach: Leon Holley

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
TENNIS GIRLS VARSITY B
ROSTER 2003

LaMela, Alexandra	2004	Bradford, MA
Segall, Ilana Joan	2004	Andover,MA
Hill, Alyssa Anne	2006	Prides Crossing, MA
Wendell, Sarah	2004	Woodside, CA
Gordon, Alexandra	2004	Chicago, IL
Herzeca, Jane	2005	New York, NY
Thorn, Alex	2004	Andover, MA

Coach: Craig Thorn

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Mngr: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller

Lady Blue Tennis Squeaks Past Boars in Close Match

by Justin Yi
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**5**
Choate	**4**

While the Andover Girls Varsity A tennis team might have returned to campus with tans from last Saturday's competition at Choate, its match last Saturday was anything but fun and games. The girls worked hard and managed to tally a tight win over the Boars of Choate.

For the Varsity A squad, the wins just kept coming in. In the last two weeks, the team has recorded victories over the Choate Boars and the St. Paul's School.

During the singles matches, the Big Blue held a commanding 4-2 victory. All the Big Blue needed to secure a victory over Choate was a win in only one of three doubles matches. Unfortunately, the Blue lost the first two doubles matches, leaving the outcome of the match all on the shoulders of doubles pair Arielle Schmidt '03 and Co-captain Anne Snyder '03.

As Sara Snyder '06 recalls, "It was the clencher of the match. With forty Choate students cheering on their team, Arielle and Anne concentrated and skillfully stroked the ball with consistency, power, and finesse - ending the match and securing victory."

Playing at the fifth seed was Varsity veteran Priya Sridhar '03, who won her matches 6-0, 7-6. Of the Choate match, Sridhar said, "We definitely need some work on our doubles play in the future, but beating Choate was great. After the three hour bus ride we were very happy to win."

Other Lady Blue tennis players who walked away with individual victories include Co-captain Tara Gadgil '03, Schmidt, and Jessica Hsiao '04. Choate's top players proved to be too much for the Lady Blue's top two seeds, as Dianna Grace '05 and Co-captain Snyder '03 were both defeated.

Captain Snyder '03 was pleased with the Andover squad's performance last weekend, saying, "I was impressed with the team's mental toughness and determination in the face of a strong opponent and a large number of opposing Choate fans. I can't wait to have similar support from the Big Blue at our next home match!"

The Varsity B squad fared less well, falling to the Boars with a final score of 6-3. Even before the match began, the Varsity B team was at a monstrous disadvantage. The squad was missing five players due to the Easter holiday and had to call down Varsity A player Sarah Snyder '06 to play at the number one spot.

Heather Finn '03 and Stephanie Chan '05 were the team's outstanding players last weekend. Finn won both her singles and doubles matches. Chan lost her first set but came back in the last two sets to win the game.

"Stephanie played the game of her life," said Alyssa Hill '06, who played the number three spot last Saturday. Hill summarized the Varsity B squad's weekend, saying, "It was the first match of the season, and even though we didn't come out on top, we were happy to have played the way we did with five players down."

The Andover team looks forward to its three matches this week. The team will focus most of its energy, however, on tomorrow's match against Exeter. While the Exies will have the home court advantage, the Blue look to step it up to bring home victory.

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Co-captain Anne Synder '03 laces a backhand return towards her Milton opponent in intense Varsity Tennis action.

Milton Tigers Take A Bite Out of Phillips Girls Tennis

by Michael Li
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Milton	**11**
Andover	**7**
Andover	**5**
Loomis	**4**

This past week, the Girls Varsity A Tennis team played the notoriously strong teams from Milton and Loomis-Chaffee, respectively. The girls came out with a win against Loomis, but lost a closely fought battle against Milton.

The girls traveled to Milton Academy last Wednesday, playing one of the best tennis teams in the league. The Lady Blue played a strong game, but unfortunately, the effort was not enough for a win, as they lost the game 11-7. "The games were a lot closer than what the scores showed", said Sara Snyder '06, who is now playing the third singles seed. First seed player Diana Grace '05 won her first set 6-2, but lost her second by a score of 6-3. There was no tiebreaker, so the match ended in split sets. Second seed and Co-Captain Anne Snyder '03 lost both sets 6-1, 6-4, while fifth seed Arielle Schmidt '03 also lost both sets 6-2, 6-4. Although the Milton girls dominated the singles play, the Lady Blue swept the doubles. Winning all three matches, the team regained lost pride and composure. The Lady Blue tennis team held its composure throughout the day, even while suffering a tough loss. Surprisingly, it was the winning Milton team that showed a lack of sportsmanship, as the team questioned most of the referee's calls.

This last Saturday, the re-energized girls played at home against Loomis, winning almost all of the singles matches. Co-captain Snyder won her first set, but lost her second. "I was tentative during my first set, but during my second I got my competitive juices flowing," said Snyder enthusiastically. But unlike the game before, during which the girls won every doubles match, they dropped the first and third doubles matches. Oddly, Loomis had their number one and two singles seeds play doubles together as the third seed. Playing against the toughest players on the Loomis squad, Jessica Hsiao '04 and Priya Sridhar '03 lost an incredibly hard fought battle. "The game was closer than we thought due to the loss in doubles", said Snyder '06. Unfortunately, it was too close for comfort. The entire day's play depended on the second seed doubles, played by Schmidt and Sarah Chang '05. Fortunately for the Big Blue, Schmidt and Chang played very well, saving the day for Andover. "Sarah Chang and I make an amazing doubles team", boasted Schmidt in a modest tone. But Schmidt has reason to boast, as they were clearly the outstanding doubles pair from this week.

Andover Girls Tennis Trounces SPS in Successful Home Match

by Boo Littlefield
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**13**
St. Paul's	**5**

Only in New England can a girls tennis team be trapped indoors, victims of the relentless snow one week, and next week emerging triumphant on the court on a bright sunny day. That is just what happened last Wednesday when the Andover girls' tennis team took on St. Paul's; PA came out with a victorious score of 13-5.

GIRLS TENNIS

The team, playing in the traditional Independent School League (ISL) format of six seeded singles and three seeded doubles with two sets per match, performed remarkably well. Co-captain Tara Gadgil '03 (who won both her sets 6-3 and 6-1) commented, "I was a little worried coming in because we haven't played a match yet, but we put in a strong showing; we have a really deep team this year."

"Deep" may be an understatement. Of the six girls who played singles, three came out to win both sets. In doubles, all three teams won both sets, easily showing that in a team-to-team comparison, PA took the gold.

Seeded first was the talented Diana Grace '05 who made an impressive showing by winning both her singles sets by scores of 6-3, 6-3. James Kenley '01, an avid spectator of the game, remarked on Grace's playing, "With Diana's confidence and energy out on the court, it looks like girls' tennis is going to have a good season ahead."

Co-captain and number two seed Anne Snyder '03 lost her first set 4-6 but came back with a great recovery in her second set, winning it 6-2. Snyder said of her game, "[My opponent] was a really good player who had a lot of top spin. We split sets and I did my best." Those last sentiments seemed to be the theme of the match. Jessica Hsiao '04 who was seeded sixth stated, "I think that this year's team is very close, so we have a lot of good teamwork – everyone definitely plays to their fullest in all of the matches."

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Diana Grace '05 knocks a backhand volley over the net, lacing it past her SPS rival.

Their hard work certainly paid off. Arielle Schmidt '03 and Gadgil worked up quite the sweat on the courts. Both of Schmidt's matches were very close, but unfortunately, she lost both sets by a score of 5-7. Gadgil had great success, triumphing over her St. Paul's counterpart, 6-3, 6-1.

The good news kept coming as Priya Sridhar '03, seeded fifth, won both her sets 6-0 and 6-1. Sridhar, well prepared mentally for the match, used careful strategy. "I felt like I played pretty solidly today," she said. "After I got up a couple of games in each set, I tried to take more risks with my game, and fortunately it ended up succeeding." Hsiao, seeded after Sridhar, found herself in some tight games, and while she lost her two sets 2-6 and 2-3, she kept her head up and came off the court smiling.

After the team had finished their singles matches, they proceeded to begin the doubles play. Gadgil teamed up with Grace to play first seed doubles while Schmidt and Snyder played second seed and newcomers Sarah Chang '05 and Sara Snyder '06 played as the third doubles duo.

The number one team worked incredibly well together, professionally handling the pressure when St. Paul's began to mix it up. "Doubles went well because Diana and I have played together before and we were able to use our experience to our advantage," said Gadgil. "[The St. Paul's players] were inconsistent, and we were able to capitalize on their mistakes."

With Schmidt and Snyder providing clear-cut wins of 6-2, 6-0 over their opponents while Chang and Snyder prevailed 6-2, 6-3, it is safe to say that Andover had a very encouraging first match against St. Paul's. With a team so full of talent, and its attitude and work ethic so positive, Andover's prospective season looks like it will be a great one.

ANDOVER GIRLS TENNIS SWAT TO WINNING SPRING

by Justin Yi
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

After seven intense weeks of training, conditioning and pure grit, the tennis season is over. The Girls Varsity Tennis team ended with a winning season, boasting a 6-3 record.

The girls, under the joint leadership of Co-captains Tara Gadgil '03 and Anne Snyder '03, were thrilled with the team and its record. Snyder remarked, "I've been really pleased with the cohesiveness of the team this year. Every girl has come to practice with a great attitude, determined and willing to work hard. We are constantly encouraging and challenging one another to a higher level, which has led to a successful season: a record of 6-3."

Gadgil, who has been playing on Varsity A for her three years at PA, agrees, "We had an extremely successful season this year, drawing strength from both the established, returning players and the new, younger players on the team. Players fought hard to win every point played. I am very proud of our efforts, and will come away from the Andover tennis program with many fond memories."

SPORT: Boys Track and Field

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: Peter Chiu

MANAGER: Kaitlin Ainsworth

COACH: Corbin Lang

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

Lou Bernieri Co-Head/Shot Put
Ralph Bledsoe Shot Put
Jon Stableford Distance
Chin Jou Distance
David Callum Sprints
Pam Boehm Long Jump/Sprints
Yasmine Allen High Jump/Sprints
Dick Collins Hurdles

SEASON RECORD

1st at INTERSCHOLS

WON_ ___LOST_____TIED_____

Letter Winners

Beck, Elliot
DeGraft-Hanson, Kojo
Dent, Alex
Dent, Jonathan
Devers, Temistocles
Dimopoulos, Thomas
Donais, Christopher
DuPont, Sam
Feghali, Elias
Feigenbaum, James
Galan O'Shea
Hsu, Gregory
Izeogu, Chimaobi
Kapor, Adam
King, Knef
Kuangparichat, Gavin
Kulubya, Edwin
Lanfranco, Anwell
Lanterman, Jonathan
Loffredo, Justin
Longley, Matthew
Lynch, Christopher
Maquebela, Sikanyisel
Mbele, Sandile
McCallum, John
McManus, Andrew
Mitzenmacher, Eric
Noyola, Mario
Onyiuke, Callistus
Pena, Jeffrey
Schwartz, Parker
Serna, Daniel
Sheldon, David
Vaslet, garrett
Wolfe, joshua
Zhou, Jeffrey

Boys Track and Field

			PA	OPP
Wed. 4/9/2003	(H)	READING HS		
Sat. 4/12/2003	(A)	DEERFIELD/TAFT		
Wed. 4/23/2003	(H)	TEWKSBURY HS	65	80
Sat. 4/26/2003	(H)	N.M.H./MILTON/ST.PAULS	75	
		NMH		82.5
		ST.PAULS		29.5
		MILTON		30
Sat. 5/3/2003	(H)	ANDOVER HS	109	36
Wed. 5/7/2003	(H)	CUSHING	125	20
Sat. 5/10/2003	(A)	ANDOVER BOOSTERS		
Sat. 5/17/2003	(A)	INTERSCHOLASTICS		
Sat. 5/24/2003	(A)	EXETER		

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
TRACK ROSTER - 2003

Ahmed, Osman	2004	Andover, MA
Barclay, Joshua	2005	Jamaica,NY
Beck, Elliot	2005	Acton, MA
Bloom, Benjamin Jacob	2004	Andover, MA
Brown, Edward	2003	Mt. Vernon, NY
Clark, Daniel	2006	LawrenceMA
Clark, David Kent	2006	Greensboro, NC
Coit, David	2004	New York, NY
Daly, Kevin Brendan	2005	Breckenbridge, CO
DeGraft-Hanson, Kojo	2005	Buford,GA
Dent, Alexander	2004	Brooklyn,NY
Dent, Jonathan	2005	Denville,NJ
Devers, Temistocles	2005	Lawrence, MA
Dimopoulos, Thomas	2003	Peabody, MA
Donais, Christopher	2005	Bradford, MA
duPont, Samuel	2004	Hastings-on-Hudson
Emrich, Brian	2004	Mill Valley, CA
Feghali, Elias	2005	Salem, NH
Feigenbaum, James	2004	Andover, MA
Figueroa, Jonathan	2006	New York, NY
Galan, O'Shea Sirguy	2004	New York, NY
Hamilton, Seán	2006	Andover, MA
Hillman, Jonathan	2005	Andover, MA
Hoople, Gordon	2004	Andover, MA
Hsu, Gregory	2006	Lincoln, MA
Izeogu, Chimaobi	2003	Fayetteville, GA
Jafarey, Faaez Hasan	2006	Andover, MA
Kapor, Adam	2004	Brookline, MA
Khandelwal, Parag	2006	Medina, OH
King, Knef	2004	South Bend, IN
Kuangparichat, Gavin	2003	Excelsior Springs, MO
Kulubya, Edwin	2006	Anaheim Hills, CA
Kwao-vovo, Todd C.	2006	Brooklyn, NY
Lanfranco, Anwell	2004	Lawrence, MA
Lang, Terence	2003	Hadley, NY
Lanterman, Jonathan Paul	2003	Redmond, WA
Loffredo, Justin	2003	Methuen, MA
Longley, Matthew	2003	Yarmouth, ME
Lynch, Christopher	2004	Chelmsford, MA
Mbele, Sandile	2004	Flushing, NY
McCallum, John	2003	New Canaan,CT
McManus, Andrew	2003	North Andover, MA
Monterroza, Cristian A.	2005	Far Rockaway, NY
Noyola, Mario	2006	New York, NY
O'Gorman, Matthew	2004	Mobile, AL
Onyiuke, Callistus Ik	2005	Orange, NJ
Patrick, Logan	2004	Cambridge, MA
Pena, Jeffrey	2004	North Woodmere, NY
Perez, Edgar Luis	2004	Chicago, IL
Prospere, Clinton	2006	Billerica, MA
Pucillo, Gregory	2006	Alpharetta, GA
Riordan, William John	2005	Pride's Crossing, MA
Saxena, Rajeev	2006	Las Vegas, NV
Schultz, Joshua	2006	Atlanta, GA
Schwartz, Parker	2003	Gulf Stream, FL
Sema, Daniel	2004	Andover, MA
Sheldon, David	2004	Andover, MA
Siddiqi, Ali Javed	2006	Salem, NH
Siddiqi, Omar	2005	Salem, NH
Stone, Benjamin	2004	Dover, MA
Thompson, Edward	2006	Atkinson, NH
Vaslet, Garrett	2003	Seekonk, MA
Velez, Edwin Leonardo	2004	Staten Island, NY
Whalen, Daniel	2006	San Juan Capistrano, CA
Wolfe, Joshua	2004	Westmount , CAN
Wulsin, John	2005	Cincinnati,OH
Yeung, Thomas	2004	Bangkok, THA
Zhou, Jeffrey Yuan	2006	Getzville, NY

Coaches: Corbin Lang, Lou Bernieri

Boys Track Falls to Tewksbury, Ending Three Years of Perfection

by Jon Hillman & Courtney McBride
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Boys Track

Contrary to popular belief, the Andover's Boys Track team is

made up of humans. Wednesday's loss to Tewksbury came as a shock to many of the boys, who had not lost a meet for what seemed like an eternity. Most of the boys looked stunned, watching in disbelief as Wednesday's meet came to an end.

The meet began with in typical Andover-style domination, as the boys passed Tewksbury during the second leg of the 4 x 100 meter relay and never looked back. Callistus Onyiuke '05 gave the Big Blue the lead and handed off to David Sheldon '04 who blew the gap wide open. O'Shea Galan '04 ran an impressive leg, taking advantage of Tewksbury's poorly executed final handoff.

Andover's distance squad was characteristically strong during Wednesday's competition. Josh Wolfe '04 dominated as usual, winning both the 800 meters (2:02), and the 3000 meters (9:20.3). Also in the 800, Adam Kapor '04 ran an impressive final 200 meters, kicking to finish second with a time of 2:04. John Lanterman '03 and Chris Donais '05 completed a sweep in the 3000 meter run, finishing with times of 9:54.3 and 10:00.7, respectively. Garrett Vaslet '03, Andover's only scorer in the 1500 finished second in the event, crossing the line in 4:27.8.

In the pole-vault, Andover took first and second from Tewksbury. Veteran pole-vaulter Matt Longley '03 took first in the event, clearing a mark of 10 feet even. David Coit '04 took second for Andover with a vault of 9' 6".

In the javelin, Jeffrey Pena '04 outdid the competition by nearly four feet to take first place in the event with a throw of 148' 1". Jonathan Dent '05 placed third, throwing for 143' 8".

Andover flexed its muscles a final time in the 400 meters, taking first and second. Knef King '04 finished far ahead of the field in 52.6 seconds and KoJo Hansen '05 finished second with a time of 56.2 seconds. Sadly, it was all downhill from there.

Without Galan, who ran in the 4 x 100 meter relay before sustaining an injury while warming up for the high jump, Andover lost deciding points in the high jump and sprints. David Sheldon '04 placed first in the 100 meter dash, third in the 200 meter dash, and third in the long jump, which made him the only Andover athlete to place in any sprints or jumps.

Big Blue's hurdling group didn't stack up well against a larger and more experienced Tewksbury hurdling squad. Andover's Gordon Hoople '04 placed third in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 18.2 seconds and third in the 300 meter hurdles, finishing in 44.1 seconds.

Similar problems arose in the high jump and discus as Tewksbury took first through third, denying Andover of points that would have made the difference. Sandile Mbele '04 led Andover in the high jump, placing third overall with a mark of 5' 4" and Anwell Lanfranco '04 took second in the shot put with a toss of 47' 1".

Whatever the case, the Andover Boy's Track team has certainly not lost confidence in their abilities. Unflustered by the loss, distance runner Chris Donais commented, "Sometimes, whether they realize it or not, the best thing for a team is a loss." Wednesday's meet uncovered cracks in the Boys' Track teams' armor, weaknesses that the team can now assess and improve upon. With Interscols a week earlier this year, a mere four weeks away, a loss this early in the season may be just what the boys need.

Boys in Blue Dominate Boosters Meet in Interscholastic Tune-Up

by Jon Hillman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

When the dust finally settled, Andover Boys Track had triumphed over 15 other high schools, representing some of the best teams in northern Massachusetts.

Powering the Boys in Blue, O'Shea Galan '04 put on quite the one-man show, winning the 100 meter dash, placing fourth overall in the high jump, and anchoring the winning 4 x 100 meter relay team. Galan's 100 meter preliminary time of 11.46 seconds put him in second place going into the finals. In the final heat, racing against the best sprinters in the Merrimack Valley area, Galan flew out of the blocks to take first in the event with a final time of 11.35 seconds. Galan followed up this feat by clearing a mark of 5'10"to place fourth in the high jump.

Kanyi Maquebela '03, competing for only his second time this season, gave the Andover boys a crucial 10 points with his victory in the triple jump. With a hop, skip, and a jump, Maquebela traveled an impressive 42'9" to take the event. Since his return, Maquebela has added strength to an otherwise lacking group of triple jumpers and should be a threat to the individual title at Interschols.

In the 200 meters, Andover's David Sheldon '04 qualified for the finals with a quick time of 23.95 in the preliminaries. Sheldon went on to run a 23.47 in the final heat to place third overall and only a hair behind the second place runner.

J. McCallum/*The Phillipian*

Kanyi Maquebela '03 soars through the air en route to the jumping pit at AHS. Maquebela leapt 42'9" for the win.

Fellow sprinter Elias Feghali '05, who placed 14th in the 200 meters on Saturday, commented on the day's times, saying, "It's sort of weird, between the wind and the automatic timing, something's up with the times."

Josh Wolfe '04 ran a strong 800 meters in his first race of the day. After leading the race until the final 100 meters, Wolfe dropped to third, crossing the line in 1:59.16.

Wolfe ran a second 800 meters later that day, anchoring Andover's 4 x 800 meters relay. Adam Kapor '04, who also ran a leg of the relay, finished just outside of the scoring in the open 800 in 2:05.

On the final leg of the relay, Wolfe took the stick from Kapor down nearly 60 meters back from Andover High School's Phil Shaw. The home crowd at AHS doubted Wolfe had the leg power to catch their ace, but Wolfe proved them wrong, closing the gap and passing Shaw

Continued on Page B2, Column 5

O'Shea Galan '04 Sprints To Glory in the 100m Dash

Continued from Page B1, Column 6

with nearly a lap to go. Unfortunately, Wolfe could not hold on, and Shaw regained the lead in the final 40 meters.

In the end, Andover finished in second in the relay, despite legs slower than they would have liked from Captain Chimaobi Izeagu '03, Jack McCallum '03, Kapor, and in what frosh runner Sean Hamilton called, "a gusty leg" by Wolfe.

Runners McCallum and John Lanterman '03 placed sixth and seventh in the one mile on Saturday. Lining up against some extremely fast runners, McCallum and Lanterman held their own, finishing in 4:40.4 and 4:44.13, respectively.

With the two mile starting nearly 30 minutes earlier than planned, JJ Feigenbaum '04 and Chris Donais '05 were unable to complete most of their warm-up routine and toed the line unprepared. "When the announcer made the third call," Feigenbaum recollected, "Chris and I had barely started our warmup. We had to stretch on the starting line and use the first lap to warm up for the race."

Nevertheless, Feigenbaum competed well and finished the race 11th overall, with a time of 10:38. Donais followed with in 10:41 and 13th place.

Likewise, Andover's throwers were also forced to make the best of a bad situation. After one flight had already occurred, javelin officials began checking for specially marked javelins. Without these competition-marked javelins, Andover's throwers were forced to borrow javelins from another team. Consequently, Andover's Jeff Pena '04 and Jonathan Dent '05 performed below their normal abilities, placing 11th and 10th, respectively.

Rounding out a strong day for the throwers, Justin Loffredo '03 grabbed fifth in the discus and Anwell Lanfranco '04 placed third in the shot put with a toss of 49' even.

Clearing a mark of 11', a mark of equal height to that of the first place finisher's vault, Matt Longley '03 placed second in the pole vault.

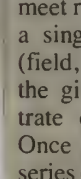
The hurdling squad had a rough day at the Boosters meet. Sam DuPont '04 placed 14th overall in the 300 meter hurdles, finishing in 45.96 seconds. Even worse were Eliot Beck '05 and Jeff Zhou '06, who did not even have the chance to compete, as they missed their race.

Knef King '04 and Kojo Degraft-Hanson '05 represented Andover in the 400 meters. King placed fourth overall in the event with an impressive time of 53.23 seconds and Degraft-Hanson placed 13th overall, running a 55.09.

With the dominating finish at Boosters, the boys are set to head to Northfield Mount Hermon for Interschols and make a run at an astonishing third straight interscholastic championship. NMH, Loomis and surprising Hotchkiss stand as the biggest threats to the boys' crown. The boys know they have the speed, strength and endurance to carry them to glory at NMH, but still have to go out and prove it.

O'HERN, DLESK LEAD TRACK TO SECOND PLACE

by Courtney McBride
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The Andover High Boosters meet certainly boosted the Phillips Academy Girls Track spirits, as the Lady Blue took second in the meet behind a dominating Central Catholic team. The competition, in addition to the Red Raiderettes, included many premier track programs from public high schools in the Merrimack Valley. Strained by meet rules limiting athletes to only a single event in each category (field, individual running, relay), the girls were forced to concentrate on their signature events. Once again, the girls turned in a series of impressive performances.

Erin O'Hern '03 started the meet off on a great note, winning the discus with a throw of 103'8". Kathryn Moore '03 threw 85'6" in the javelin. In the shot put, Rashidah Green '04 finished 18th in a strong field with a throw of 24'03", and Nicole George '04 followed in 23'5".

In the jumps, Cassie Tognoni '05 placed fourth in the high jump with a very impressive personal best of 5'0". Tognoni, on the strength of her PR jump, will be seeded first at Interschols in the high jump and expected to come up big for girls if they hope to dethrone reigning champions NMH.

Captain Katie Dlesk '03 won the 400m dash with ease, running through the line in a time of 58.20s, and teammate Courtney McBride '03 placed third in 61.19s. Ann Wilkin '05 ran the 200m in 29.69 for 18th place, while Sonia DeYoung '05 sprinted to a 16th place 14.28 in the 100m. Marty Schnure '06 got off to a strong start in the 300m hurdles, only to fall over the last hurdle. Still, Schnure was able to finish the race in 52.91s. Schnure returned with Dlesk, McBride and DeYoung to race in 4x100m relay. In the final 100m, Dlesk attempted to chase down little sister Jenny of Andover High, as the girls finished fourth with a time of 51.73s.

Not surprising anyone in Andover Navy Blue, Lissy Robie '04 was again incredible, placing third in the 800m with a time of 2:25.92 and overcoming illness to run a speedy leg on the 4x400m relay, which finished in 4:27.81, in spite of the absence of many of its regular members.

Said O'Hern, "It was really amazing how the team pulled through after such a short season and was able to perform so well at a very competitive meet, and we're all happy to do it for Coach [Dick Collins '49]."

Tomorrow morning the girls travel to Northfield Mount Hermon for Interschols.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

With a competitor close at hand, Knef King '04 races around the curve in the 400m in yet another Big Blue Boys Track win. **See page B1.**

J. McCallum/ *The Phillipian*

Josh Wolfe '04 dashes towards the finish line in the 800m, while O'Shea Galan elevates over the high jump bar. Combining for a total of 51 points in the Championship meet at Northfield Mount Hermon, Wolfe and Galan rose to the challenge and seized the day, ensuring the boys' third New England title in a row.

PA BOYS TRACK PULLS OFF 3-PEAT

by Jon Hillman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Under pressure, with the odds against them and a mediocre season behind them, the Andover Boys Track and Field team shocked all those present at the NEPSTA Interschols. Entering the meet, Andover was, in many respects, the three-legged dog that no one expected to win the race. However, to the consternation of the other NEPSTA teams and even the Andover coaches, the Boys Tracksters prevailed over the other eleven competing schools. It seems as though the only people not surprised by Saturday's upset are the athletes themselves. Sprinter Elias Feghali '05, a member of the boy's 4 x 100 meter relay that took second place, commented, "I think we knew we could pull it off, we have the talent and some of us have just been looking for that breakout performance."

Speaking of breakout performances, Kanyi Maqubela '03 had a field day at Saturday's meet, jumping an incredible 6' 5" to provide the boost that propelled Big Blue to victory. Captain Chimaobi Izeogu '03 commented, "Kanyi's jump just set the tone, he stepped it up and everyone else followed." Maqubela was unable to compete for most of the season due to injury, but his crowd-silencing leap of 6'5" showed no evidence of missed training. Equally as important was the fact that Maqubela beat out a second place jumper from Loomis Chaffe, the team that finished second place overall, a mere eight points behind Andover. O'Shea Galan '04 added helped out with a fourth place 6' 2" jump of his own, adding a crucial four points to Andover's tally.

Josh Wolfe '04 had one heck of a day as well. Wolfe tripled in the 1500 meters, 800 meters, and 3000 meters. Wolfe's solid performance on Saturday began with a critical win in the 1500 meters, as he crossed the line in 4:00.82. Wolfe just edged out the second place Loomis runner, who finished a mere two seconds behind. As the Loomis boys watched in horror, Wolfe continued his show, taking first in the 800 with a time of 1:57.97, beating out yet another second place Loomis runner. This time, the margin over 2002 Cross Country Interschols champ Taylor Weidman '03 was even thinner, a mere 3 hundredths of a second. Finally, unsatisfied with his two wins, Wolfe raced his way to sixth place in the 3000 meters, adding one point to Andover's score, but more importantly, taking a point away from Weidman, who finished seven seconds behind Wolfe.

It was business as usual for Galan in the sprints, as he ran the way he has all season: fast. Galan entered the 200 dash finals in second place, but stepped it up in the finals to take first with a time of 22.68 seconds. Galan shaved off .38 seconds from his preliminary time, leaving the second place finisher a far .28 seconds behind. In addition to placing fourth in the high jump and anchoring the boys 4 x 100 meters relay team, Galan took second place in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.24 seconds.

A strong group of upperclassmen represented Andover's distance squad at Saturday's interscholastic meet. In addition to Wolfe's dominance in the distance events, Garret Vaslet '03 placed ninth overall in the 3000 meters, Jack McCallum '03 placed tenth in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:18.52, and Adam Kapor '04 took a vital fifth in the 800 meters in 2:01.76.

The throwers, led by shot putter Anwell Lanfanco '04, also placed well. Justin Loffredo '03 took seventh in the discus with a toss of 120' 7" and Tom Dimopoulos '03 followed close behind in eighth place. Dimopoulos, relatively new to the sport, has been improving steadily all season and continued his progress with a throw of 44' 11" to earn sixth place in the shot put. Javelin specialist Jeffrey Pena '04 took second, hurling the jav a distance of 153' 8", just a couple feet ahead of a third place Loomis thrower. Matt Longely '03 took fifth in the pole vault, clearing a mark of 11".

Andover's boy's 4 x 400 meter relay team of Gavin Kuangparichat '03, Captain Izeogu, Kapor and Knef King '04 took fourth with a final time of 3:34.21.

In the midst of their success, many of the athletes give credit to their coaches, who had the Boys in Blue to their third straight NE title. PA was able to tally 88 points, 8.5 points more than second place Loomis Chaffee and 51 points ahead of seventh place Exeter.

The championship banner the boys will raise to the Memorial Gym rafters is the third in three years and fifth in the past six years. Coach Bernieri related this season's team to last years dominant team, saying, "Our team last year was physically superior...we were just stacked. But this year, we won it with heart, our athletes went out there and took it to the next level when it counted the most."

The Boy's Track team may have started off the season slow with two early losses, but its athletes have gotten noticeably stronger as the season has progressed, making necessary adjustments after learning from the two defeats. The Boys in Blue will look to carry their momentum for a final season meet away against the dreaded Big Red of Exeter this Saturday.

Robie Sweeps Distance Events As Girls Track Races Past AHS

Continued from Page 12, Column 2

handed off the baton to O'Shea Galan '05, just fractions of a second ahead of Andover High's third runner. Galan exploded down the home stretch, securing five points for Big Blue.

Led by shot put standout Anwell Lanfranco '04, the Andover throwing squad to took first and second in both the shot put and the javelin. Lanfranco's toss of 47'10" landed him first place in the shot put and Tom Dimopolis '03 took second with a throw of 42' 3". Relatively new to the sport, Dimopolis is steadily improving and should continue to improve as the season goes on. Jeff Pena '04 and Jonathan Dent '05 took first and second place in the javelin with marks of 150'11" and 150' 2", respectively. The only Andover thrower to place in the discus, Justin Loffredo '03 took first with an impressive throw of 112'10".

Andover swept the 400 meters thanks to great performances from Knef King '04, Ko-Jo Hanson '05, and Captain Chimaobi Izeogu '03. King finished first in 52.6 seconds. Not far behind, Hanson and Izeogu finished second and third with times of 54 seconds and 54.6 seconds, respectively.

Sheldon and Galan more than took care of business in the sprints. Galan's time of 11.1 seconds earned him first place in the 100 meters and Sheldon followed with a time of 11.3 seconds. Sheldon and Galan tied for first in the 200 meters, both finishing in 23 seconds even. Sheldon added a win in the long jump to his work on the day.

Andover's distance boys dominated the Warriors on Saturday led by Wolfe, only giving up the aforementioned second place in the 3K to Shaw. Adam Kapor '04 placed second in the 800 meters with a time of 2:02 in addition to running the second leg of the 4 x 400 meter relay. Andover's 4 x 400 relay team, composed of Hanson, Kapor, Izeogu, and King, beat Andover High by nearly 8 seconds. Gavin Kuangparichat '03 followed in third in the 800m. Vaslet combined with Jack McCallum '03 and Chris Donais '05 for a sweep of the 1500m.

Sam Dupont '04 and Eliot Beck '05 took second and third in the 300 meter hurdles. Dupont also placed third in the 110 meter hurdles and was the only Andover athlete to do so in the event. In the end, Andover High did not even have a chance.

Girls

The Phillips Academy Girls Track team have transformed their early season troubles into a very successful campaign, as the girls narrowly beat local rival Andover High School last Saturday. With Captain Katie Dlesk '03 noticeably missing from certain events, the teamed pulled together to secure the wins.

The meet started on a high note, with Cassie Tognoni '05 marking a personal best 4'10" to take second in the high jump, followed by Kasey O'Laughlin '05, who tied for third with an Andover High girl. Kaitlin Ainsworth '03 placed second in the triple jump with a leap of 30'4". Leila Adell '05 won the pole vault at 7'0", while Lee Rotenberg '05 tied with an opponent for second place.

The typically unbeatable 4x100m relay team struggled this meet, with some awkward handoffs leading to the first loss in recent memory. The team faltered in the relay in spite of Dlesk's heroic efforts against little sister Jenny, a top sprinter at AHS.

The 1500m proved encouraging, as distance superstar Lissy Robie '04 again captured first, with a time of 5:05.9. Sam Weisz '03 followed in 5:24.8, her nearest competitor trailing by nearly 13 seconds. Another distance star Kathryn Moore '03 placed second in her new event, the javelin, with a throw of 88'10". Joanna Corey '04 was not far behind, finishing third with a throw of 86'0".

Courtney McBride '03 won the 400m in 61.5s, with O'Laughlin placing second with a season's best time of 66.5. Unfortunately, AHS swept the 100 hurdles and the long jump. Erin O'Hern '03 won the shot put, throwing 33'5", and Nicole George '04 threw 25'0" for third place.

Sonia DeYoung '05, a member of the 4x100 team, placed third in the 100m dash with a time of 13.7s. Robie returned to win the 800m with a time of 2:28.5, and Becca Howe '06 followed for second in 2:36.4. Marty Schnure '06 exacted her revenge in the 100 hurdles, winning the event in 49.7s. O'Hern placed second in the discus with a throw of 104'2". McBride placed second in the 200m with a time of 27.8s.

With the team down ten points prior to the start of the 3000m, the girls racing knew they needed a sweep in order to salvage the team's hope of winning the heated meet. Robie won in 11:35.3, her third win of the day. Weisz placed second with the same time, and Celia Alexander '04 rounded out the group in 11:59.2.

The 4x400m relay, minus Dlesk, found themselves responsible for carrying the team to victory. DeYoung led off with a strong leg, Tognoni achieved a narrow lead, O'Laughlin opened it up and McBride closed. The result was a time of 4:14.0, far ahead of the other team's 4:28.0.

Courtesy of Jack McCallum

Jack McCallum '03 powers through the 1500 meters race.

Big Blue Track Conquers Crosstown Rival Warriors

by Jon Hillman & Courtney McBride
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

The sun was shining and so was the Andover Track team. Coming off a two meet losing streak, the Boys absolutely dismantled the Golden Warriors, handing the Andover High track team a painful loss to the tune of 109-36. The girls, meanwhile, won in a nailbiter, 74.5-70.5.

Boys

Taking first in all but three events en route to a ridiculous final score of 109 to 36, the boys took out their early season-frustrations on the hapless runners from Andover High.

Josh Wolfe '04 was the story of the day as he ran the fastest times in both the 800 meters and the 3000 meters that Andover has seen all year. Wolfe took first in the 800 meters with a blazing fast 1:57.9 and then followed up that feat with an amazing performance in the 3000 meters. Andover High's Phil Shaw, one of the top distance runners in the state, showed up towards the end of the meet to run the 3000. Wolfe had not been planning to run the 3000, as made evident by his fast 800 race, but could not resist the opportunity to run against a competitor as strong as Shaw. After the gun sounded, Shaw slid into first position to lead the race. However, thirty seconds later, Garret Vaslet '03 sprung Wolfe, who took control. Running strong with Shaw on his heels, Wolfe controlled the race until about the halfway mark, where Shaw moved up to regain the lead. With 800 meters to go, Wolfe passed Shaw and never looked back. Wolfe opened it up on the final straightaway and finished two seconds ahead of Shaw.

Earlier in the day, the boys kicked off the meet with a come from behind win in the 4 x 100 meter relay victory. Because Andover was never fully out of the race, it was all up to David Sheldon '04 to close the gap in the third leg of the relay. Whipping around the final turn, Sheldon did just that and a little more as he

Continued on Page 11, Column 4

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Garrett Vaslet '03 dashes around the turn in the 1500m.

Inside The Phillipian

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Jonathan Dent '05 prepares to hurl the javelin in Saturday's dominating Track victory over crosstown rival Andover High. See page 12 for details.

Andover Boys Track Bounces Back From Lackluster Regular Season to Take Third Straight NEPSTA Title

by Jon Hillman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

When it was all said and done, the Andover Boys Track team reasserted itself as NEPSTA champions, despite finishing the season at a mediocre three wins and three losses. In the biggest meet of the year, the boys came to run and proved that they are a team with tremendous heart and a team that knows how to dominate when they need it most.

Because of some nasty weather in the beginning of April, two season-opening meets were cancelled. Missing two chances to compete, first against Reading High School, then against Deerfield and Taft, the field events seemed especially rusty while competing with Tewksbury in Andover's first meet of the season.

Going head-to-head with Tewksbury would prove to be a rude awakening for the boys in blue. Without jumps specialist Kanyi Maqubela '03 and sprinter-jumper O'Shea Galan '04, Andover lost critical points in the 100 meters, 200 meters, high jump, and long jump. David Sheldon '04 did what could to help, placing first in the 100 meter dash, third in the 200 meter dash, and third in the long jump. Sadly, Sheldon was the only Andover athlete to place in any of the three events. A distance trio led by Josh Wolfe '04 swept the 3000 meters, but was unable to prevent the Andover boys from taking their first loss in quite some time.

A week later, the Andover boys found themselves wet from torrential downpours, swimming in defeat for a second time. Although Andover could not pull out a first place victory in the meet against NMH, Milton, and St. Paul's, improvement in all the events was evident. Taking first, second, and fourth in the 1500 meters, Andover's distance team seemed unaffected by the ugly weather. Wolfe won the event, Adam Kapor '04 took second with a time of 4.19, and Jack McCallum '03 followed closely in 4.22. Knef King '04 took first in the 400 meters, running a quick 51.9.

Unfortunately, Andover took heavy losses in the jumping events, and Chris Lynch '04, who took third in the long jump, was the only jumper to place in the meet. The boys took out their frustration in the 4 x 400 meter relay, where an Andover team of Wolfe, Kapor, Gavin Kuangparichat '03, and King unloaded to beat second place finishing NMH by more than 200 meters.

The meet with Andover High School dissipated any doubts that were collecting from the two early losses and provided the boost that PA had been looking for. The meet got off to a favorable start as Anwell Lanfranco '04 and Tom Dimopoulos '03 took first and second in the shot put. This trend continued as throwers Jeff Pena '04 and Jonathan Dent '05 took first and second in the javelin. Rounding out an impressive group performance by the throwing squad was Justin Laffredo '03, who placed first in the discus with a toss of 112'10".

However, the story of the day would be Wolfe's impressive 800 meters and 3000 meters double. Wolfe took the 800 meters easily in 1:57.9 and followed it up with an even more impressive 3000 meters victory against AHS Senior and Merrimack Valley distance running deity Phil Shaw. Wolfe controlled the first half of the race, only to slip behind Shaw for the third quarter. Then, in the last 800 meters, Wolfe exploded, taking first and kicking his way to a first place finish in 9:02. Big Blue took the meet, holding on to the best team in the town of Andover title for another year.

Just three days later, Andover defeated Cushing by an unreal final score of 125–20 as the entire team ran on all cylinders and the Penguins were done before they started

Having gained some confidence from the meets against Andover High and Cushing, Andover Track took second overall in the Andover Boosters meet, where they competed against 15 other strong teams from the Merrimack Valley. Galan took first place in the 100 meters with a fast time of 11.35 seconds in addition to placing fourth in the high jump. Back from an injury, Maqubela made an amazing return performance, taking first in the triple jump with a mark of 42' 9". Other highlights included Matt Longley's '03 placing second in the pole vault and the 4 x 100 relay team's first-place finish.

Coming off two wins and a strong team performance at the Andover Boosters Meet, the Boys went into the Interschols at NMH with renewed confidence in their abilities. Maqubela's unbelievable 6' 5" jump in the high jump "just set the tone," as Captain Chimaobi Izeogu '03 put it. What followed was truly amazing. Perhaps inspired by Maqubela's jump or just the intensity of the championship meet, Galan took second in the 100 meter dash, first in the 200 meters, and cleared 6' 2" to take fourth in the high jump.

As great as Galan was, Wolfe was just as good. Reminiscent of Pablo Durana '02's performance in both the 2001 and 2002 Interschols, Andover's newest Canadian phenomenon took first in the 1500 meters (4:00.82), first in the 800 meters (1:57.97), and sixth place in the 3000 meters, edging out Loomis' ace in every event. Loomis would place second in the meet, just 8.5 points behind Andover, and everything seemed to slip into place as Andover athlete after Andover athlete pulled hard just to beat a Pelican competitor.

J. McCallum/ *The Phillipian*

Josh Wolfe '04 kicks home on the final strech in the 800m at Interschols. Wolfe's two victories powered the boys to the title.

Coach Lou Bernieri complimented the Andover boys, saying, "Our team last year was physically superior...we were just stacked. But this year, you guys won it with heart, you went out there and took it to the next level when it counted the most." The boys in blue took the meet, extending Andover's winning streak to three years and running at the Interschols.

Despite finishing six places ahead of Exeter at Interschols, Andover Boys' Track was unable to pull out a win in an anticlimactic final meet at Exeter. The pole vault, an event in which Andover trounced Exeter at 'schols, was not held, causing a point deficit that Andover could not make up. An unchallenged Wolfe took first in the 1500 meters and was the only Andover runner to win a distance event. A definitive 4 x 400 relay win left the Andover boys feeling better about the meet, but the loss still gave the boys a queasy feeling on the long bus ride back to Andover.

As Bernieri said, the boys knew how to run when they absolutely had to. After getting off to a slow start, the boys in blue reasserted themselves as the NEPSTA champions. With talent to spare in the class of 2004, Andover should be a strong enough to defend its title during next year's outdoor season.

SPORT: Girls Track and Field

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: Katie Delesk

MANAGER: Kaitlin Ainsworth

COACH: Corbin Lang

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

Lou Bernieri Co-Head/Shot Put
Ralph Bledsoe Shot Put
Jon Stableford Distance
Chin Jou Distance
David Callum Sprints
Pam Boehm Long Jump/Sprints
Yasmine Allen High Jump/Sprints
Dick Collins Hurdles

SEASON RECORD
2nd at INTERSCHOLS

WON 2 LOST 4 TIED

Letter Winners

Adell, Leila
Ainsworth, Kaitlin
Alexander, Celia
Corey, Joanna
DeYoung, Sonia
Dlesk, Katherine
MacMillian, Charlotte
Marmolejos, Johanna
McBride, Courtney
Moore, Kathryn
O'Hern, Erin
O'Laughlin, Kasey
Robie, Elizabeth
Russell, Mariah
Schnure, Martha
Taylor, Anita
Tognoni, Cassandra
Weisz, Samantha
Wilkin, Ann

Girls Track and Field

			PA	OPP
Wed. 4/9/2003	(H)	READING HS		
Sat. 4/12/2003	(A)	DEERFIELD/TAFT		
Wed. 4/23/2003	(H)	TEWKSBURY HS	68	77
Sat. 4/26/2003	(H)	N. M. H./MILTON/SPS	75.4	41.5
Sat. 5/3/2003	(H)	ANDOVER HS	74.5	70.5
Wed. 5/7/2003	(H)	CUSHING	132	9
Sat. 5/10/2003	(A)	ANDOVER BOOSTERS		
Sat. 5/17/2003	(A)	INTERSCHOLASTICS		
Sat. 5/24/2003	(A)	EXETER		

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
GIRLS TRACK ROSTER – 2003

Name	Yr	Hometown
Adell, Leila	2005	Bulverde, TX
Ainsworth, Kaitlin	2003	Portland, ME
Alcantara, Jessica	2004	Reading, PA
Alexander, Celia	2004	Greenwich, CT
Baker, Lindsay	2005	Chicago, IL
Blaseg, Rhiannon	2004	Livingston,MT
Caputo, Kristin	2003	Belmont, MA
Coravos, Andrea	2006	Andover, MA
Corey, Joanna	2004	New York, NY
Erondu, Chioma	2006	Englishtown, NJ
Erondu, Mgbechi	2006	Englishtown, NJ
Etheridge, Emma	2004	Lawrence, MA
George, Nicole	2004	New York, NY
Howe, Rebecca	2006	Andover ,MA
Hurley, Chloe	2005	Providence,RI
Ligonde, Paola	2004	Brooklyn, NY
MacMillan, Charlotte	2005	Andover, MA
Marmolejos, Johanna	2004	New York, NY
McBride, Courtney	2003	Baltimore, MD
McGarry, Natalie	2005	Pleasanton, CA
Miao, Michelle	2006	HON
Miller, Akosua	2005	Oak Park, MI
Mohammed, Laylah	2005	Andover, MA
Moore, Kathryn	2003	Pelham, NH
Morgan, Grace	2006	Charlotte, NC
O'Laughlin, Kasey	2005	Watertown, MA
Rotenberg, Lee	2005	Chestnut Hill, MA
Russell, Mariah	2004	Lynnfield, MA
Schnure, Martha	2006	Mattapoisett, MA
Taylor, Anita	2003	Methuen, MA
Tognoni, Cassandra	2005	Andover, MA
Velez, Amanda	2004	Bronx, NY
Weiss, Meta	2005	San Francisco, CA
Coleman, Erin	2005	Andover, MA
Comeau, Michelle	2005	Andover, MA
Corneau, Ashley	2003	Methuen, MA
Dlesk, Katherine	2003	Andover, MA
Gray, Ashley	2005	Memphis, TN
Linnemann, Sarah	2006	Andover, MA
Manning, Eileen	2005	Chester, CT
McVicar, Sarah	2004	Wonalancet, NH
Meacham, Jennifer	2006	Munster, IN
O'Hern, Erin	2003	Johnston, IA
Papez, Catherine	2004	Andover, MA
Robie, Elizabeth	2004	Raleigh, NC
Serreze, Carina	2005	Haydenville, MA
Bissell, Lauren	2006	El Paso, TX
Castillo, Catherine	2006	Lawrence, MA
DeYoung, Sonia	2005	Manchester, MA
Ho, Anna	2006	Vancouver , CAN
Kelting, Lily	2004	New Canaan, CT
Kuhn, Deborah	2005	Ipswich, MA
Reich, Margaret	2006	Houston, TX
Wilkin, Ann	2005	Andover, MA
Wright, Catherine	2006	Naperville, IL
Schmidt, Ciarra	2005	Burr Ridge, IL
Weisz, Samantha	2003	Crystal Lake, IL
Itoh, Loui	2003	Tokyo, JAP
Green, Rashidah	2004	Brooklyn, NY

Coaches: Corbin Lang, Lou Bernieri

hopes to improve upon this performance on Saturday. Kaitlin Ainsworth '03, returning from a long injury-induced hiatus, placed second in the triple jump with a bound of 31'0". Joanna Corey '04 was the team's lone scorer in the javelin, placing third with a heave of 83'4". Leila Adell '05 took third place in the pole vault with a height of 6'6". O'Hern won the discus by more than 7 inches with a throw of 106'3" and placed third in the shot put with a throw of 30'5". Tewksbury swept the long jump, earning nine unanswered points in that event.

The running events saw a number of terrific performances, though the times may have been slower than anticipated due to the inclement weather. Captain Katie Dlesk '03 was a winner in four events, taking the 400m (58.9s), 300m hurdles (46.9s) and anchoring both the 4x100m and 4x400m relays. Distance star Lissy Robie '04 proved her mettle once again, winning the 1500m run in 5:13.7 and returning to dominate the 800m in 2:30.5 as well as running on the 4x400. Courtney McBride '03 won the 100m (13.5s) and 200m (27.8s) and ran lead leg on both relays. Kathryn Moore '03, defending Interschols champion in the 3000m run, won that race in a blistering 11:14.0, while Sam Weisz '03 placed second with a time of 11:49.8. The nearest Tewksbury runner trailed Weisz by a full minute.

Marty Schnure '06 ran a great 100m hurdles race, ending up with the same time (17.4s) as the first place finisher from Tewksbury but placing second due to the other girl's lean at the line. Sonia DeYoung '05 placed third in both the 100m (13.8s) and the 200m (28.8s). Schnure also placed third in the 300m hurdles with a time of 50.4 seconds. Kasey O'Laughlin '05 placed third in the 400m with a time of 1:07.1.

After this humbling experience against a non-league opponent, the girls hope to continue and build upon their success in the running events while increasing their depth in the field events. Tomorrow they host Northfield Mount Hermon, the returning Interschols champions and revenge is in the air. The girls are not anxious for a repeat of last season, when NMH narrowly edged them out at Interschols.

Girls Track

The girls braved the miserable weather to put forth a number of stellar performances, but still failed to edge out opponent Tewksbury, losing 68 to 77. Still, the girls are looking ahead to tomorrow's meet; they have a score to settle.

Even after winning every track event but the 100m hurdles, the team was reminded of its weaknesses. Lacking depth in many of the field events and with key thrower Erin O'Hern '03 battling a cold, the team earned insufficient points in those events to ensure a win. Cassie Tognoni '05 placed a disappointing third in the high jump with a leap of 4'4", and

Captain Katie Dlesk '03 Powers PA Track to Second Place Finish

by Courtney MeBride
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Perhaps nothing could have left more of a bitter taste in the mouths of Andover Girls Track on Saturday at Interschols than a second place finish, especially behind the champion Big Red of Exeter. On the other hand, at the beginning of the season, the coaches lamented two days after the meet, even a second place finish appeared out of reach. The girls ran hard and fast all spring, and when it came down to it, they showed up to run and did bring home a NEPSTA silver medal from Northfield Mount Hermon.

Veteran javelin thrower Johanna Marmolejos '04 and distanee eonvert Kathryn Moore '03 started the meet on a high note, placing fifth (93'1") and sixth (91'3"), respectively. Star thrower and Athlete of the Term Erin O'Hern '03 placed second in both the shot put (33'10.5") and the diseus (104'6"), scoring a monumental 16 points for the team.

The high jump was equally inspiring for the Lady Blue, as top seeded Cassie Tognoni '05 won the event with a jump of 4'10". Kasey O'Laughlin '05, seeded 11th and certainly not expected to place, did more than just that, tying with an NMH senior for second overall and bettering her entry height by four inches. The girls laek of depth caught up to them in the long jump, as their opponents picked up several points in the Blue's absence from that event. Pole-vaulter Leila Adell '05, seeded 11th, came up big to share in a three-way tie for sixth plaee at 7'0".

The running events began rather shakily, as the top-seeded 4x100m relay of (in race order) Courtney MeBride '03, Marty Schnure '06, Sonia DeYoung '05 and Captain Katie Dlesk '03 faltered a bit on the first handoff, but still managed to run its best time of the season (51.33s), good enough for seeond plaee. Almost immediately after the relay, Sehnure competed in the 100m hurdles, where she had the second fastest time in preliminary heats. Initially seeded ninth, Sehnure finished third in the final raee among much older and more experieneed hurdlers.

DeYoung went on to compete in the 100m prelims, where she [illegible] seeded eighth going into finals and was edged out for sixth place by a mere hundredth of a second.

Distanee queen Lissy Robie '04 undoubtedly ran farther than anyone else on the team; she competed in the 1500m (5:02.24 for sixth), 800m (2:27.03 for fifth place) and 3000m (12:01.49 for 10th) runs. Moore, after her fifth plaee in the javelin, joined Robie in the 3000m. Moore, the defending champion in the event, had been absent from the distance squad this season due to a head injury sustained last term. She rallied at this meet, however, to put in a third-place performance of 11:03.46.

The 400m dash was sure to be interesting, with Dlesk and McBride seeded first and second, respectively, and two Exies not far behind. Dlesk won easily in 57.52s, setting a meet record in the process, while MeBride fell back to fourth plaee. Shortly thereafter it was time for 200m trials, and MeBride and DeYoung competed, with McBride advaneing to the finals and DeYoung finishing 10th overall. Seeded fourth, she ultimately finished a disappointing fifth, the high volume of races in such a short timeframe proving too mueh.

Dlesk and Sehnure returned to the track for the 300m hurdles race, where Dlesk won for the second year (44.89s), breaking yet another meet record, this one (45.19s) set by Alex Zukerman '01. Schnure placed third in 49.39s, once again improving on her fourth-plaee seeding.

Always the final race of the meet, the 4x400m relay was something of a grudge mateh. McBride led off against one of the two Exeter runners who had beaten her in the 400m, as well as an NMH runner who has proven her nemesis in the 200m. McBride pulled away from the paek toward the end to ereate a small lead. Tognoni and O'Laughlin ran solid middle legs but could not keep pace with the meet record-breaking Exeter squad, and though Dlesk gained substantial distanee on the anchor runner, leading to a team-best time of 4:07.68, the girls finished in second plaee, both in the race and in the relay.

"This second place finish means more than winning two years ago because it was a harder fight," explained 1500m runner Sam Weisz '03.

The girls hope to exaet their revenge against Exeter tomorrow in the final meet of the season, which generally proves antieli-mactic after a victory at Interschols. This year, however, the girls look forward to the meeting, hoping to exaet just a bit of revenge. The last battle will mark the eulmination of a long and successful career for many seniors, and the continuation of a tradition of exeellenee for the underelassmen.

Erin O'Hern '03

Girls Track

by Jon Hillman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

A famous college coach once said, "The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital." A true competitor, Erin O'Hern '03 is a perfect example of where hard work and smart preparation can take you. O'Hern has refined her natural talent through years of training to dominate both the discus and shot put during her four years at Andover. O'Hern has been winning critical points for the Lady Trackers all season and placed second in both the discus and shot put at this year's NEPSTAT Interschols meet, making her deserving of the title of Bertucci's Athlete of the Term.

Coming from a family of throwers, O'Hern began throwing the discus and shot put at only nine years old and, after realizing her gift for the sport, turned to competition at ten years old. O' Hearn continued to improve, flourishing in middle school where she began to understand her true potential. In seventh grade, during a close championship meet against a rival school, O'Hern was up against an eighth grader who had just thrown more than six feet farther than O'Hern's personal best at the time. Under pressure, O'Hern came through for her team, tossing the shot put for nearly seven feet farther than she had even done before.

Beginning with her father, who O'Hern says, "was always there to coach and help me through stressful competitions," O'Hern cites each of her family members as adding a crucial piece to the puzzle that is her success in throwing. Older sister, Julia O'Hern '01, who was also a track and field standout at Andover, "is every throwers dream training partner, to have someone to practice with who throws farther and trains harder to push you is a resource few throwers are privileged to" as O'Hern puts it. Julia, currently throwing for the Cornell University Big Red, left a tough path for younger sister Erin to follow in at Andover, but O'Hern has lived up. O'Hern credits her younger brother for pushing her along and keeping her on her toes. In the end, it is O'Hern's mother who keeps the balance, and as O'Hern says, "is always there for perspective to make sure I don't get too caught up in the sport."

O'Hern's natural team spirit has added closeness to the Andover throwing squad in an otherwise individual sport. Throwing coach and assistant head coach Lou Bernieri referred to O'Hern's attitude as "selfless" and added, "In addition to her individual athletic skills, Erin is also a highly respected leader and a genuine team player." Teammate Courtney McBride '03 concurred, saying of O'Hern, "Erin has been a great teammate as long as I have known her. She is not only a talented athlete, but she is a tireless supporter of her teammates. She holds herself to the highest standard and expects the same from others."

This selflessness is further echoed in O'Hern's love for throwing. When asked why she is so passionate about throwing O'Hern explains her drive, saying, "I love throwing mostly because of the team I'm on. Most track teams are very disconnected and it turns into individual and personal gains but on the team here everyone works to win together. I throw over the summer individually and its much more fun during the spring to win as part of the team."

O'Hern also credits her teammates and coaches, especially Coach Bernieri, for her development as a thrower, saying, "I trust them like family." Of her work with Bernieri and the other track coaches, O'Hern commented, "After working with them for year I have so much respect for how much they bring to this sport."

With her great attitude, outstanding work ethic, and talent to spare, this model athlete's success is unlikely to end at the high school level. O'Hern has plans to throw discus for the University of Iowa next year and should be a strong competitor among other Division One athletes.

F. Wang/ *The Phillipian*

Marty Schnure '06 leaps ahead of a Tewksbury runner in the 110m high hurdles early in the Girls Track season.

Captain Dlesk Powers Girls Girls Track to Second Place

by Jon Hillman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

The Phillips Academy Girls Track team capped off another successful season with a second place finish at the NEPSTA championships on May 17. Captain Katie Dlesk '03 led the team for the fourth season, again turning in a host of tremendous, record-breaking performances.

Joining Dlesk were a handful of Seniors. Standout thrower Erin O'Hern '03, sprinter Courtney McBride '03, triple jump star Kaitlin Ainsworth '03, and distance runners Sam Weisz '03 and Kathryn Moore '03, the latter of whom also became a major contributor in the javelin, all shined both as team leaders and athletes.

After dropping their first two meets, including a heartbreaker to the defending NEPTSA Champs from NMH, the girls needed a shot in the arm. A meet against cross-town rival Andover High School would provide just the spark the lady trackers had been missing. Lissie Robie '04 turned in another impressive performance, sweeping the distance events to take away crucial points from the townies. With Andover trailing by just a point, it all came down to the 4 x 400 relay. The girls were determined not to let this one slip away, and a relay team of Sonia DeYoung '05, Cassie Tognoni '05, Kasey O'Laughlin '05, and McBride got the job done for the win.

With newly found confidence, Andover pushed ahead to compete at Andover Boosters, an annual showdown between some of the strongest local teams. O'Hern won the discus with a throw over 100 feet. Unchallenged, Dlesk won the 400 meters easily and McBride took third in the event with a time of 61.19 seconds.

The girls headed to the swamps of NMH the following Saturday to try and steal the NEPSTA title from the home team. Captain Dlesk was sensational and took the 400m and 300m hurdles, setting two new meet records in the final Interschols meet of her illustrious Andover career. Tognoni stole the show, leaping over a more experienced group of jumpers to take first in the high jump. Robie, playing the part of distance ironwoman, tripling in the three longest events, scored the Blue several valuable points. In the end, though, the girls were unable to slip past Exeter, but still took second place among a strong gathering of NEPSTA teams.

To end the season, the girls battled it out with the Big Red. Once again the Captain came through for her team, winning the 400m and 300m hurdles. Despite later heroics from Dlesk in the relay, the girls fell, 70-65.

Though the team will lose many strong competitors to graduation, the future looks bright. Distance superstar Robie will return to the track next year as the girls Captain.

SPORT: Boys Volleyball

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: James Chou

MANAGER: Jennifer park, Alison Jap, Justin Ng

COACH: Clyfe Beckwith

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 4 LOST 6 TIED

Letter Winners

Chou, James
Chung, Jeffrey
Cremonesi, Francesco
Elkenhans, Hendrik
Eswarappa, Abhinay
Mahmood, Saiyid
Peer, Roland

Boys Volleyball

		PA	OPP
Sat. April 5	Choate	cancelled	
Sat. April 12	Lawrence HS	0	3
Thurs. April 17	Andover HS	2	0
Wed. April 23	@Lawrence HS	0	3
Sat. April 26	@ NMH (Northfield, MA)	3	2
Sat. May 3	@ St. John's Prep V& JV	0	2
Tues. May 6	Central Catholic V&JV	2	3
Sat. May 10	@Choate Wallingford (CT)	3	1
Wed. May 21	NMH	3	2

CHOATE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

(Wallingford, CT)

Sat. May 24th

Semi-Final Andover beats Hand HS	3	0
Semi-Final Choate beats NMH	2	3
Final Choate beats Andover	2	3

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Andover, Massachusetts
2002 Volleyball Boys Varsity

No	Name	Yr	Hometown
1	Cremonesi,Francesco	2003	Bologna, Italy
2	Chung, Jeffrey	2003	Detroit, MI
4	Eswarappa, Abhi	2004	Andover, MA
5	Yu, Alvin	2004	Hong Kong
7	Elkenhans, Hendrik	2003	Witzenhausen, Germany
14	Chou, James	2003	100 Taipei, TAI
	Liao, Andrew	2004	HONG KONG
11	Morris, Alex	2005	Lawrence, MA
8	Peer, Roland	2003	Los Angeles, CA
13	Richards, Andrew	2005	Pittsburg, PA
16	Hafkenschiel, Ian	2004	Portola Valley, CA
15	Lam, Richard	2003	Hong Kong
10	Mahmood, Saiyid	2003	Canada

Coach: Clyfe Beckwith
Steve Crowley
Mngr: Jennifer Park '03
Alison Jap '03
Justin Ng '03

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki,
Mike Kuta
Equipment Mngr: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller

5/21/2003

Volleyball Wraps Up Home Season With Win Over NMH 3-2 Game scores: 28-30, 27-30, 30-28, 30-19, 15-6

An amazingly satisfying finish for our last home game of the season. With no substitutes available, and only a libero giving only two of our players any rest the PA squad eeked out a win after being down 2 games to 0. The first three games were very close with only several points differentiating a win from a loss. By the fourth game Andover started to dominate, 1) by making fewer mistakes, and 2) playing more points for winners rather than flashy powerful hits. The hot and humid air in the gym clearly took its toll on the players on both sides by the end of the game, as more balls were served into the net and more hits were drilled into the net or hit out. In the end, Andover hustled better, covered the court better, and displayed a never-say-die attitude.

Francesco Cremonesi '03 again displayed his fine instincts and experienced setting and hitting skills as he orchestrated attack after attack. He has led the team all season long by setting an example of how hard this game can be played. Team captain James Chou'03, found his driving hit by the second and third game, providing formidable offense and valuable middle block defense. While his jump serve needs some work he plays a mean game of volleyball. Jeff Chung '03 provided so much energy from the bench and, as the libero, countless saves in the back court. He is the primary source of energy that pepped the team through 5 games. Hendrik Elkenhans '03, a relative newcomer to the game of volleyball this year, wins the most improved player award, hustled after balls that many would have given for unretrievable and made a couple of spectacular plays. Abhi Eswarappa '04, also a newcomer to the sport of volleyball (from baseball no-less) has absolutely spoiled this team with his energies and developed skills as a blocker and middle hitter. Today Abhi blocked crucial hits and scored much needed points with his attacks through the middle. Sumair Mahmood '04, found some speedier reactions some time during this season and has made some eye-opening saves, and improved his hit from the weak side that allowed for a varied attack. Roland Peer '04, who might have the hardest hit and fastest reactions on the team, finally stopped hanging his head sometime during the fourth game and served the team to victory with aces and near-aces again and again.

Many thanks to our loyal fans, who energized our team when we needed a boost. We will miss them sorely as we wrap up our season by attending a tournament at Choate this Saturday. Thanks also to our managers who have faithfully scored the games

PA Volleyball Beats NMH To End Successful Spring

by Boo Littlefield
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

USA. Italy. Germany. Taiwan. Hong Kong. Canada. From these countries came the ever-fervent members of Andover's men's volleyball team. Representing countries from all four corners of the world, these young men--varying from those who played on nationally ranked teams to those who were inexperienced–found a home on their side of the net.

Captain James Chou '03 commented on the team's solid backbone, "This year we were joined by former professional player Francesco Cremonesi ['03] from Italy. His experience and leadership has helped us tremendously. Also, our returning Senior players, [Sumair] Mahmood, [Jeff] Chung and [Roland] Peer have worked together for two or three years. Newcomers Abhi Eswarappa '04 and Hendrik Elkenhans '03 have developed the basics easily and are now essential to the team."

The season started out in an exuberant victory against one of PA's long-time rivals: Choate Rosemary Hall. With the members of the team and two coaches, Clyfe Beckwith and Steve Crowley still feeling their way around for the most advantageous line-up, many of the players both new to the game and old got a chance to shine. Of the 13-person team, Chou (middle), Chung (setter, outside hitter), and Cremonesi (setter, outside hitter) all gave the spectators a great show, leading the team to its victory.

Star setter Cremonesi spoke on the season's beginning, saying, "After 10 years of volleyball, and coming from a country [Italy] where it's one of the main sports, the beginning of the season was a little frustrating. But when I saw the team putting in all their effort in everything and growing up so quickly, I felt so proud of all of them."

The season progressed with two disappointing blows both of 3-0 from the strong players of Lawrence High School, but the ever-resilient volleyball men bounced back and trounced both Northfield Mount Hermon School the next week and Haverhill High School that Tuesday with a 3-1 home court victory. The two consecutive victories improved Andover's record, making it an even 3-3.

The volleyball men unfortunately hit a dry spell in the next two weeks, falling to St. John's Prep, Central Catholic, and Choate. At the St. John's match, the team found themselves in a rut of bad luck. The team tried in vain to pounce on St. John's mistakes, but with the absence of key player Chou, they ended up with the final scores at 24-30 and 23-30.

In an incredibly close match against Central Catholic, Andover just could not squeeze by with the win. The coaches on both sides experimented with the line-up, and both sides exhausted all of their energies, but when it came down to the last couple of points in the fifth game, Central Catholic was able to best the PA men.

In a second match against Choate, the boys were not quite as lucky as they were in their first match of the season. Playing more flatly than usual, the boys could not seem to trump Choate's unusually slow playing. Andover did manage to win in the third game to take the match to four games, but since the team was playing sans substitutes throughout the match, fatigue lent its way to a loss of 25-30 in the fourth game.

The team went out, however, with a bang, squandering its losing streak with an exciting victory against NMH in a five-game match. The game made its record an even 5-5.

Members of the team would agree that this season of Boys Volleyball was a positive learning experience. Said Captain Chou of the season, "Outside viewers would not recognize us as the same team that started out in April." Cremonesi agreed, stating, "This year's team has really improved."

SPORT: Girls Water Polo

YEAR: 2002-2003

CAPTAIN: Kim Walker

MANAGER: Aaron Stroble, Alex Doty

COACH: Elizabeth Meyer, Catherine Carter

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH:

SEASON RECORD

WON 2 LOST 11 TIED

Letter Winners

Chang, Kristina
Conner, Kristina
Doty, Alexandra
Faurot, Ryan
Gund, Susannah
Lippe, Amy
O'Sullivan, Bridget
Page, Kathryn
Stroble, Aaron
Walker, Kimberly
Zicherman, Tracey

Girls Water Polo

			PA	OPP
Sat. 4/5/2003	(A)	WILLISTON / HOTCHKISS		
Sat. 4/5/2003	(A)	HOTCHKISS		
Wed. 4/9/2003	(H)	N.M.H.		
Sat. 4/12/2003	(H)	CHOATE/SUFFIELD SA confirmed		
Wed. 4/16/2003	(H)	EXETER		
Sat. 4/26/2003	(A)	N.M.H. / LOOMIS		
Wed. 4/30/2003	(H)	WILLISTON NORTHHAMPTON		
Sat. 5/10/2003	(A)	DEERFIELD/SUFFIELD		
Sat. 5/24/2003	(A)	EXETER		

Phillips Academy
Girls Waterpolo
Roster 2003

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
1	Gund, Susannah	04	Bronx, NY
1A	Faurot, Ryan	03	Churchton, MD
2	Page, Kate	04	Salem, NH
3	Lippe, Amy	04	Los Altos Hills, CA
4	Gelb, Emy	05	Tiburon, CA
5	Chang, Kristina	04	Atherton, CA
7	Walkerm Kim *	03	Marblehead, MA
8	Franz, April	04	Hinsdale, IL
9	Zicherman, Tracey	03	Swampscott, MA
11	Conner, Krissy	03	Dalton, NH
13	Stahl, Aviva	05	North Reading, MA
15	Waterfall, Jane	05	New York, NY
17	O'Sullivan, Bridget	05	Norfolk, MA
18	Midgley, Natasha	05	Marina del Ray, CA

Captains: Kim Walker

Coaches: Elizabeth Meyer
Catherine Carter

Managers: Alex Doty
Aaron Stroble

Athletic Director: Martha Fenton
Trainers: Brian Cox, Kathy Birecki, Mike Kuta
Equipment Mngr: Blaine Austin
School Physician: Richard Keller

4/12/03
PA Waterpolo Drops Pair to Suffield, Choate
GV Waterpolo vs. Suffield 8-16
vs. Choate 5-16
Andover's girls varsity waterpolo team dropped its second match of the young season to Suffield Academy, the defending New England Champions. Despite their best efforts, the Blue was unable to fend off the Tigers who registered a 16-8 victory. Captain Kim Walker '03 and Kristina Chang '04 led the way with scoring, each tallying two goals. Kate Page '04, Amy Lippe '04, Tracey Zicherman '03, and Krissy Conner '03 each scored a goal for the PA squad.

The Lady Blue also fell to the Boars of Choate in their second game of the day. With such a small squad and starter Amy Lippe '04 out due to illness, the PA team was unable to keep up with their opponents, as Choate scored on many fast breaks. Susannah Gund '04, the Blue's starting goalie, had a strong showing in the cage, recording seven saves. Kristina Chang '04 and Tracey Zicherman '03 scored the team's only points. The two notched three and two goals respectively. The girls remain optimistic, however, with many of the newer players improving quickly. Newcomer April Franz '04 had a stellar game and has shown a steady improvement in the past week.

Girls Water Polo Falls to Tigers; DA's Big Green Downs Andover

by Bridget O'Sullivan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Deerfield	18
Andover	6
Suffield	20
Andover	7

The water was even rougher than the Girls Water Polo team had anticipated as the Lady Blue fell to a strong squad from Suffield Academy, the defending New England Champions, and a fast Deerfield team.

The first game of the day against Deerfield started on a sour note, as the Big Green dominated the first quarter, gaining a 5-0 lead. The trying events proved especially challenging because Andover's small squad had only three girls on the bench on Saturday. Deerfield's tight defense prevented Andover from scoring till the end of the second quarter.

Kim Walker '03 led the team, scoring two of the Blue's first goals. Walker was pleased with the team's performance as a whole, explaining, "Our scores don't show it, but we played two amazing games on Saturday. It's hard, since we graduated so many and then switched seasons, but the team is really pulling through. We're playing well, and having a good time in doing so. We have the tournament this up coming weekend and then Exeter next Saturday, both of which should be good games."

The girls further improved their performance, scoring five goals in the second quarter. Rookie Jane Waterfall '05 played an impressive game, with two scoring attempts, one of which hit the bar. Amy Lippe '04 scored in the fourth, to bring the score up to 14-3.

Though not reflected in the final score, the small Andover squad played a great game against one of the best teams in the New England Prep league. The focus and intensity allowed Andover to end its only meeting this season with Deerfield in an 18-6 loss.

The second game of the day pitted the Big Blue against the league's defending champions, the Suffield Tigers. Suffield did not waste any time and took the lead from the start. The game looked even grimmer when, in the middle of the first quarter, starting hole Kristina Chang '04 was injured. Ellen Sevigny '04, Suffield's star driver, took the ball in on a fast break, with Chang trailing. Swimming into the four where she eventually shot and scored, Sevigny elbowed Chang, giving PA's hole a bloody nose. While Chang went back into the game after the first quarter, she was fatigued and unable to keep up with the other players.

F. Wang /*The Phillipian*

Kate Page '04 looks to set hole in Saturday's loss to Suffield Academy, the defending New England Champions.

The Big Blue did not gain momentum until Tracey Zicherman '03 led the way with the first two Andover goals of the game in the second quarter. Krissy Conner '03 closed out the second with an impressive shot to end the half. The girls continued to battle in the Tigers in the second half but eventually fell badly, 7-20.

In the net, both Susannah Gund '04 and Ryan Faurot '03 complemented Andover's strong defense, which unfortunately proved no match against the two powerhouses.

Of the game, Gund remarked, "I was really impressed with the persistence of the team as a whole, especially on defense toward the end of the Suffield game when squads of our size would have given up. The team really managed to hold its own. There was good determination, energy, and intensity."

"All of us are finally learning to stay totally focused in the games and work together as a team. That's something that will really help us next weekend," observed Kate Page '04.

Page scored two of the team's four goals in the second half. April Franz '04 and Bridget O'Sullivan '05 played strong games, filling in for the tired starters. Franz commented, "Both teams we faced were really tough, but we didn't let then psych us out. I think Saturday was one of our best days of the season."

Senior leader Conner later commented, "It was a rough day but we worked really hard, but I'm really proud of the team. Our drives were a lot better, and the fact that we're in really good shape showed because most people played all of the two games against teams with a lot of depth."

The girls look forward to tomorrow's Interscholastic B Tournament. The Lady Blue will compete with Williston, Hotchkiss, and Exeter for the B Tournament title.

PA WATER POLO SUNK BY EXIES

by Bridget O'Sullivan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Playing two of their most intense games of the season, the PA Girls Water Polo team competed for the league's consolation tournament championship title.

The girls ended the quarter tied at 3-3 against the Big Red. With outstanding play by star hole Kristina Chang '04 and senior leader Kim Walker '03, the game was still tied up at 6-6 going into the half. Unfortunately, as has been the case many times before, the team's small size proved a disadvantage and the Exeter team who far outnumbered PA's squad, shut out PA in the second half. The final score stood at 12-6.

Outstanding play and motivating attitudes by both rookie goalies Susannah Gund '04 and Ryan Faurot '03 contributed to the highly competitive play in both games. The team, led by the goalies, remained motivated for the day's next game against Williston. Previously in the season, Andover had lost to Williston with a close score of 16-13, so the team was optomistic into game two. Williston, however, showed improvement and quickly took the lead.

With great offensive production in the first game, Tracey Zicherman '03 proved her reliability by playing solid offense in the Williston game.

Despite the losses, Amy Lippe '04 showed another strong performance. She remarked, "I think the most important aspect of the tournament on Saturday was the team's spirit and enthusiasm."

Although Andover played with a relatively small and inexperienced squad, this season was an educational rebuilding year for the Big Blue. Many girls, who would not have had the opportunity in other years, saw significant playing time this season.

F. Wang/*The Phillipian*

Kate Page '04 fends off her Exeter opponent, Bina Xu '04, as she races towards the ball.

Andover Water Polo Loses Three; Walker Leads Way

by Bridget O'Sullivan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Suffield	16
Andover	8
Choate	16
Andover	5
Exeter	16
Andover	8

Rebuilding is never easy, as the Girls Water Polo team discovered last week. The Blue dropped three games against Suffield, Choate, and Exeter. Despite these losses, the PA team remains optimistic, as Krissy Connor '03 said, "Everyone on the team is showing a lot of improvement."

Saturday began with a game against Suffield Academy, the defending New England Champions. The contest started well, but quickly the Tigers showed their depth and were up 11-1 by the end of the first quarter.

Andover swam hard, but Suffield played consistently and stayed strong.

Despite the loss, Chang had another standout performance, scoring two in the Suffield game. Captain Kim Walker '03 led the team well, tallying goals in the second and fourth quarters. PA stepped it up in the second half, and in the net, Susannah Gund '04 allowed only three goals. In the second half, the Blue offense scored five goals. Coaches Catherine Carter and Elizabeth Meyer rallied around the team to keep everyone on task and excited for the second game of the day.

Coach Meyer was pleased with the team's effort, saying, "The team did a great job keeping defense really tight. My biggest concern for future games is our small number of subs. Especially on those days when we play two games, our players are going to have to sustain a high level of energy for extended periods of time."

Andover hopped back in the pool to play Choate later on Saturday afternoon. This was the second game of the day for both teams. Choate led by the end of the first quarter, with a score of 9-3. Chang scored all three of the team's goals. Tracey Zicherman '03 played a great game despite fatigue, scoring the team's two other points.

The true challenge came against Exeter on Wednesday. Playing against PEA's fast and large squad, PA was unable to keep up, allowing the Exies to take the win. Andover kicked off the first with Kate Page '04 quickly scoring to put the Blue up 1-0. The half ended with the Big Blue down 8-5. After three quarters, PA was trailing 12-6, but continued to play with a winning attitude. Zicherman scored at the conclusion of the fourth on a very impressive shot from the seven to put the final score at 16-8 in favor of PEA. Connor commented, "I think it was our best game yet." Despite three tough losses, the Andover team is showing a lot of improvement and excitement. Chang concluded, "We played a good game against Exeter, even though we lost. What is important, is that we played together as a team."

Lawrence Eagle Tribune Honors Andover Ladies Swimming Coach Paul Murphy '84

by Margaret Ramsey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

This was probably the only way for Coach Paul Murphy '84 to follow up one of the most successful seasons in Andover Women's Swimming. His PA team won the New England Championships, going undefeated in the process. And now, The Lawrence Eagle Tribune has named Murphy the Swimming Coach of the Year. Perhaps the reason that Murphy has had such success as coach of the Andover Girls Swimming team is that he does not really consider himself a coach at all. Rather, he believes he plays more of a motivational role.

Instead of drowning the swimmers with loads of advice and criticism, he has found that it does nothing to establish himself as king of the pool deck. He said of his team, "Basically everyone who is on the team is a hard worker on their own, not only in swimming but in everything they choose to dedicate themselves to at Andover. As coach, I would say I'm 90% a motivator for them to consistently work hard, to improve, and to have fun." This season, Murphy, along with assistant coach Ginger Fay, helped give the hard working Lady swimmers the help they needed in order to achieve their goal of becoming back-to-back Interschol Champions.

Of Mr. Murphy's commitment to winning, Captain Sarah Demers '03 said, "He likes to win, but he likes even more to see us enjoying ourselves and the team spirit – seeing him get so into all of the different aspects of being a swim team really makes us want to do better – for ourselves, each other, and for him and Ms. Fay."

This competitiveness in a relaxed and fun loving environment has worked well for Murphy. He coaches a team that not only wins their meets but enjoys every aspect of the sport. Commenting on the difficulty of training a team to back-to-back championship status during the brutal Andover winter term he said, "It's hard to have a season strategy. Everyone is so busy here and there are so many factors in each individual's life – school, sickness, friends; everything is so close. I find it easier and more productive to make plans week by week, instead of one major strategy for the whole term."

However, one of his season long goals for his teams is for the girls to achieve a sense of their team as a whole, even though swimming is generally seen as just an individual sport. With the dual meet setup, every swimmer counts and has many opportunities to contribute to the team – be it in distance events, sprint events, relays, or cheering. The swimmers have to be willing to race in a multitude of events, so Mr. Murphy can arrange the best possible line-up. "I like to make sure that my younger swimmers try every event and don't specialize too soon. It's important that they see that they can do anything, and I try really hard to make them see how talented they all are. Then, I think they end up contributing more to the team by the time they are upperclassmen and can specialize because they appreciate hard work, and trying everything."

Commented Demers, "Mr. Murphy understands that everyone, no matter what their strengths, is a part of the team and that makes everyone feel more comfortable and happy to be there and competing." In a sport that is both largely dependent on individual and team achievement, Murphy has apparently found the winning combination.

Murphy has truly found the winning combination for swimming and for coaching. The question will be whether the team and Murphy can use this to go for their third straight New England Championship title next March.

PA WATER POLO REBUILDS IN '03 SPRING SEASON

by Bridget O'Sullivan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Girls Water Polo team faced a difficult year in 2003, with a small team, a new season and a number of rookies on the squad. Through the hardships, though, the team played on, snatching a few wins here and there, all the while rebuilding for the years to come.

The season started off on a great note before the girls faced some tough competition. With a dramatic victory against the NMH Hoggers, the squad began to build confidence. With Kristina Chang '04 carrying the team in the hole, she proved a vital member of the team. The following weekend, Andover faced both Choate and the defending New England champions, the Suffield Tigers. Neither game boded well for the home team, and Andover suffered two rough losses. Despite the defeats, the team remained upbeat thanks to the leadership of Senior veteran Kim Walker '03. The next week the Big Red came to fight, but they proved to be too much for the Lady Blue.

Andover then headed to NMH and trounced the Hoggers in their own pool, 12-2. Kate Page '04 continued her outstanding season. Rookie goalie Susannah Gund '04 contributed to the near shut-out, and her outstanding enthusiasm pulled the Big Blue through. Later in the afternoon, Andover faced off with Loomis. Despite another tough loss, rookies Jane Waterfall '05, Emy Gelb '05, and Natasha Midgley '05 played well for the Big Blue.

The final game of the regular season, against Williston, proved to be the closest contest of the girls' spring. Sadly, the day ended in a 16-13 loss. April Franz '04 and Aviva Stahl '05 stepped up and played well.

The intense game psyched up the Lady Blue for its toughest day of the season: two away games against DA and Suffield. Facing off against two talented teams, Andover players put forth solid performances, in losing efforts.

PA arrived at PEA the following Saturday for the tournament to compete for consolation title with a record of 2-7. Bridget O'Sullivan '05 stepped up to start the Exeter game and played well all day. Goalie Ryan Faurot '03 blocked shot after shot and motivated everyone with strong words. Still, Andover went home after dropping games to Exeter and Williston.

Despite the ups and downs, all agreed it was a great season and look forward to next year as the Lady Blue continue to improve.